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AS TROPICAL STORM MAN-YI MAKES ITS APPROACH

PSS, NMC classes canceled

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With Tropical Storm Man-yi (25W) advancing toward the Marianas, local officials are urging residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to prepare for high winds and potential impacts early this morning.

Late afternoon yesterday, Gov. Arnold I Palacios declared Tropical Storm Condition II across the CNMI, immediately followed by the CNMI Public School System and Northern Marianas College announcing that classes are cancelled today.

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CHRYSTAL MARINO

Heavy rain from Tropical Storm Man-yi contributed to the wet roads as clouds hovered above San Vicente yesterday evening.

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Meals4U received over 90% approval rating

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The photo of the food Meal4U served to NMI Senior Homebound patients that Jack Muña posted last Saturday afternoon in the Speak Up Taotao CNMI Facebook page.

By RACQUEL H. FLOYD
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CORRESPONDENT

Despite recent criticism about their food, Office on Aging caterer Meals4U received an impressive approval rating of over 90% in a recent survey, according to Aging director Walter Manglona.

"We typically conduct satisfaction surveys at least

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Dems shocked by results of nat'l elections

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Supporters dance and smile at the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands campaign tent in Koblerville during the Nov. 5 general elections.

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES
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REPORTER

The Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands has reacted to the re-election of President-elect Donald Trump stating that the results of the national elections came as a shock.

Last week, Trump came out on top in the presidential race last Nov. 5 and is set to take his seat as the United States' 47th president come January.

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Frahm sentencing today

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES
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REPORTER

Frahm

David Matthew Frahm, a former local high school teacher, is set for sentencing today and faces a possible 13-year sentence for charges he pleaded guilty to involving child pornography.

Frahm is set to appear before U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona for a sentencing hearing.

According to sentencing memorandums filed by the defense and prosecution, they have agreed to an imprisonment sentence of up to 13 years or 156 months.

Last September, Frahm pleaded guilty to counts two

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As money continues to pour into crypto following Donald Trump's victory last week, bitcoin has climbed to yet another record high. The world's largest cryptocurrency topped $87,000 for the first time on Monday.

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After working at a crowded and dangerous internment camp in Iraq, Air Force Staff Sgt. Heather O'Brien brought home with her anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder.

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2024 Veterans Day Commemoration

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Two of Saipan Southern High School's JROTC color guards stand with the newly laid commemorative wreath just before the colors were retired during the 2024 Veterans Day commemoration ceremony last Monday at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Placing a commemorative wreath for all those who served, these brave veterans and their families join Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor during a special Veterans Day ceremony last Monday.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Members of the Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band play beautiful music for the 2024 Veterans Day commemoration ceremony last Monday at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Gov. Arnold I. Palacios delivers his welcome remarks during the 2024 Veterans Day commemoration ceremony last Monday at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Local lawmakers and community members attend the 2024 Veterans Day commemoration ceremony last Monday at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs acting executive officer Bernadita B. Dela Cruz gives her opening remarks during the 2024 Veterans Day commemoration ceremony last Monday at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

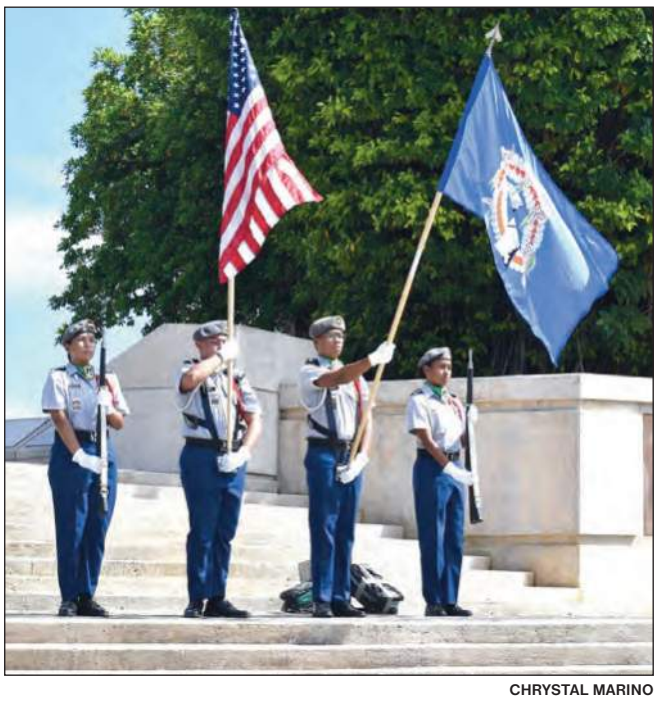
Col. Rafael Vargas Fontanez, U.S, Air Force J3 Director of Operation for Joint Region Marianas in Guam, was the keynote speaker at the 2024 Veterans Day commemoration ceremony last Monday at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Closing tributes on the trumpet and bagpipes filled the 2024 Veterans Day commemoration ceremony last Monday at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Veterans and their families salute and place their hands on their hearts during a special tribute last Monday at the 2024 Veterans Day commemoration ceremony on American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan.



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The Saipan Southern High School's JROTC Manta Battalion posts the colors at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan for this year's Veterans Day commemoration ceremony last Monday.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Dignitaries, including Lt. Gov. and veteran David M. Apatang, sing the U.S. national anthem during the 2024 Veterans Day commemoration ceremony last Monday at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan.

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AMENDMENT No. 1

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
NMHC IFB 2025-001

(This ad is paid by NMHC by HUD funds)

BID SUBMISSION DATE: November 29, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

CONSTRUCTION OF CHILD CARE FACILITY IN ROTA

Project Package will be available on October 29, 2024, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of One-Hundred Dollars ($100.00) is required for each set of the project package. Payment must be made payable to NMHC and receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the project package at the reception counter.

Brief description of the project package is available on the NMHC Website at www.nmhcgov.net "Procurement Tab".

The provisions on the NMHC Procurement regulations, NMIAC 100-60-725 AND 100-60-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Rota Mayors Office Conference Hall in Tatachog, Rota on ~~**November 13, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**~~ **November 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m.** In addition, a Mandatory site Visit/Inspection of the project site will be conducted immediately after the Pre-Bid Conference. Failure to attend both the Mandatory Pre-bid conference and the Mandatory site Visit/Inspection will be considered a non-responsive bidder.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-9447 or via email at officemanager@nmhcgov.net during business hours, 7:30am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios
Acting-Corporate Director

/s/ Merced "Marcie" M. Tomokane
Chairwoman
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Harvest for Hope: CCFC's Farm to Table initiative

RACQUEL H. FLOYD

The entrance display of Coral Coast Foundation Corp.'s Farm to Table initiative fundraising event last Oct. 31 at the Morae Kitchen and Bar.

RACQUEL H. FLOYD

From right, Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang, Philippine Congressman Rodante Marcoleta, Coral Coast Foundation Corp. director Eleanor Alinas, and Kalayaan Inc.'s Maverick Rotap pose for a photo during the CCFC Farm to Table initiative fundraising dinner last Oct. 31 at Morae Kitchen and Bar.

By RACQUEL H. FLOYD
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CORRESPONDENT

The Coral Coast Foundation Corp. held a fundraising dinner for the non-profit's Farm to Table initiative last Oct. 31 at Morae Kitchen and Bar.

According to the CCFC director Eleanor Alinas, their organization won a bid and received a $20,000 grant last year

"The Coral Coast Foundation won in a competitive bidding process, the one who evaluated our proposal, I believe was in Hawaii. We presented the whole concept like growing lettuce and providing, selling it to like a third party, and that's Kalayaan, Inc. Our goal at CCFC was to provide, hopefully 1,000 lbs (net weight) of lettuce a month. The amount we received was $20,000 so it's good enough," she said.

Kalyaan Inc. partners with CCFC to grow hydroponic lettuce to fulfill its dream of a farm-to-table program.

"At Kalayaan, we have always wanted to do a farm-to-table program where as soon as we harvest it, we serve it to the kids. That's been our dream," said Alinas.

After receiving the grant, CCFC started a pilot hydroponic farming project under the guidance of Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service.

"From that that we were exposed to the idea of a hydroponic farming in our facility right in that area (Agingan farm site), we started working with NMC-CREES immediately, we started with what we call static system, most inexpensive system that one can do in your backyard," she said.

Alinas added that the initiative is to promote consumption of locally grown, ripe vegetables and that it will address their challenges in serving fresh lettuce to children because lettuce that's coming from the U.S. mainland often arrives wilted and rotten that resulted to 30-45% wastage.

She added that the nutritional value of the lettuce is significantly reduced due to the long transportation time. The delivery and spoilage timeline of lettuce must be considered to ensure freshness.

Moreover, Alinas discussed that the produce vegetable loses nutritional value during transportation and storage wherein washing, spraying, packing, storing, and shipping processes contribute to the loss of freshness.

Alinas said that the fundraising aims to raise money for exploring options for purchasing greenhouse and vertical farming systems, including an experiment with drip irrigation using coco peat instead of soil.

$100 REWARD FOR MISSING DOG

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A $100 reward awaits those who find Kigo, who has been missing since Nov. 7, 2024. He was last seen at his home at the Lower Dan Dan area. Kigo is a beige-colored boonie mix with a blue collar and dog tag #11195. Please call, text, or WhatsApp (670) 789-1694 or (670) 483-3345 for any information about Kigo.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of	]	CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-0256
JAMES HENRY PANGELINAN FLORES,	]	
Deceased,	]	

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that James Henry Flores, Jr., has filed for a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of James Henry Pangelinan Flores, deceased; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on **THURSDAY**, December 5, 2024, **at the hour of 10:00 a.m.** of the said day.

NOTICE is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estate of James Henry Pangelinan Flores, deceased, and to all persons claiming an interest in said Estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esq., The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, P.O. Box 5222 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, Attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall be forever barred.

DATED: 06 NOV 2024

/S/
JOSEPH N. CAMACHO, Associate Judge

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NOTICE OF CRM PUBLIC HEARING

VISTA HOMES, LLC.
CONSTRUCTION OF 46-UNITS, TWO-STORY RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX APARTMENTS

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the following project:

CRM Major Siting Application No. SMS-2025-006 – The Vista Homes, LLC. is proposing to construct forty-six (46)-unit, two-story Residential Duplex Apartments with two (2) units per floor, four (4) units per apartment, parking spaces, and a playground area. The development is situated on the Tract No. 22551-R2, Dandan, Saipan.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for December 10, 2024 at 5:00PM, at the DCRM Learning Center 3rd Floor, Suite 301, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

To maintain the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j (Meeting ID: 6706648315). Our Zoom meeting access code may change, please call the DCRM Permitting Office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance at least one-day prior to the public hearing date.

If you are unable to attend, written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Permitting Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315, or by email at ssablan@dcrm.gov.mp. The project file is open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project. Please contact Ms. Sam Sablan at the DCRM Permitting Office at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Vista Homes, LLC. Residential Duplex Apartments Project

/s/ Agnes M. Sablan
Acting Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO.: DPW25-RFP No.: 42500005

SUBMISSION DATE: December 03, 2024 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"Project Management Services for PW 69 Project in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR, OLEAI JOETEN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The project package will be available on or after **October 30, 2024** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

There will be a **Pre-Proposal Conference** for this project on **November 15, 2024,** 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 22, 2024** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division,** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/RAY N. YUMUL
Secretary, DPW

/S/ BRIEN SERS NICHOLAS JR.
Acting Director, Division of Procurement Services

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-006-25
PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGES PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE AND REPAIRS FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority ("the CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal ("the RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract to provide maintenance, service, and repairs to its three (3) Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBB) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning October 18, 2024, at the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport, upon a non-refundable payment of $100.00 in cash, cashier's check, or by credit card. Bidders must submit all required documents listed in the RFP Package. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and/or all costs that will be charged the proposer awarded for this project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., November 08, 2024 at the CPA Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential proposers an opportunity to present questions and obtain clarification relative to any facet of this solicitation. While attendance at this conference will not be a prerequisite to submitting a proposal, proposers who intend to submit a proposal are encouraged to attend. Any site visit may be coordinated with Zachary Reyes of the CPA by calling telephone numbers (670)237-6535. Questions regarding this procurement should be submitted in writing through the CPA Airport Manager via email at frank.duenas@cnmiports.com on or before close of business, November 13, 2024.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Preventive Maintenance Service and Repairs of the three (3) Passenger Boarding Bridges, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport /RFP-006-25". One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. Local Time, November 19, 2024,** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the submittal deadline shall be rejected and returned unopened.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this RFP; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid/proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the proposal would not be in the best interest of CPA. The CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would not be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This RFP shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

LEO B. TUDELA
Executive Director

Date: October 18, 2024

COTA offers military service members, veterans free rides this month

By CHRYSTAL MARINO
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CORRESPONDENT

In honor of those who have served, or are currently serving our country, the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority, under the CNMI Office of the Governor, is providing free public transportation to all U.S. military service members and veterans this month on Saipan on their demand responsive shared ride program and fixed route service.

COTA

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority is providing free public transportation to all U.S. military service members and veterans this month on Saipan on their demand responsive shared ride program and fixed route service.

COTA Planning coordinator Natasha Palacios told *Saipan Tribune* they're extending free rides as a small gesture to show their gratitude for the individuals who have served our nation.

"We wanted to honor and recognize the sacrifices made by our veterans, not just on that special day, [Veterans Day] but throughout the entire month. This initiative is our way of showing gratitude and support for their service," she said.

Operational hours are from 6:30am to 8:30pm from Monday through Friday and from 6:30am to 8pm on weekends and holidays.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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once a year or whenever there is a change in our nutrition service provider. Past survey results indicate that seniors are generally pleased with the meals provided. While individual preferences vary, we are delighted to report that our current caterer received an impressive approval rating, with over 90% of respondents expressing satisfaction," he told Saipan Tribune.

Recent criticism of the Office on Aging caterer stem from Jack Muña's complaint on social media last Saturday afternoon.

"Did you know that the caterer [Meals4U] for the NMI Senior Homebound patients does not only get two pieces of tofu with bean sprouts for their lunch but sometimes the caterer will serve tuna meat taken from his fish store that is three to four days old? The tuna meat is not fresh! You can tell the difference between a fresh tuna and an old tuna no matter how you cook. What a shame and this has to stop! I am living proof because I get one from them."

The Faceobok post received several reactions. Biba Manamko, for one, explained that the meals are carefully monitored by quality control staff at the Office on Aging. The commenter further explained that the delivery staff personally pick up meals from the caterer and monitors any concerns to ensure quality and safety.

Muña was even encouraged in the comment by Biba Manamko to visit their Facebook page to see their posted "delicious meals."

In the comment section, Muña mentioned that the food being served by the previous caterer "Terry Bolis" and "Herman's" were better.

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As of 5pm yesterday the Commonwealth's Emergency Operations Center issued a Tropical Storm Warning across the three islands, highlighting the increasing likelihood of conditions deteriorating over the next 24 hours.

As of the 5pm bulletin, Man-yi was about 145 miles east-southeast of both Saipan and Tinian, 160 miles east of Rota, and 195 miles east-northeast of Guam with sustained winds holding steady at 45 mph. Moving west at 18 mph, the storm's center is expected to pass near Rota by Wednesday afternoon, potentially intensifying along the way.

Tropical storm force winds currently extend up to 70 miles from Man-yi's center and forecasters warn of the possibility of further intensification as it approaches the islands.

"The continued movement of Tropical Storm Man-yi poses a significant threat to the CNMI, and we ask all residents to stay vigilant," the EOC statement advised community members to stay informed. "Please monitor weather updates closely and ensure your preparations are complete."

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center remains active, with warning officers monitoring Man-yi's approach and standing ready to issue updates as needed. Residents were promised new updates late last night. Authorities are urging the community to stay updated through the local media sources, NOAA Weather Radio, and especially the National Weather Service Guam which will be updating all forecasts and advisories every six hours at weather.gov/gum, for the latest information.

For those seeking further assistance, the EOC State Warning Point is available 24/7 via phone at (670) 237-8000 or (670) 664-8000, and can be reached by high-frequency radio on frequency 5.205.0 for residents in the Northern Islands.

Ports on guard

As of early evening yesterday, the Saipan, Tinian, and Rota ports remain "open with restrictions," according to U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam public affairs officer Sara Muir.

The U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port set Port Heavy Weather Condition X-RAY for the commercial ports of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, in effect yesterday at 9am. Muir shared with the media "PHWC X-RAY remains active for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, with the potential to upgrade to PHWC YANKEE as early as 3pm, Nov. 12, if conditions warrant. This change ensures responders take proactive steps to protect lives, vessels, and port facilities in the face of expected severe weather, with sustained winds projected above 45 knots. She said that anyone requiring more information, including current port status and PHWC parameters, should visit https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/guam.

Cmdr. Ryan Crose, deputy commander U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam, shared, "We've set up our Incident Management Team to manage our operations. Preparing now helps us keep our communities and ports safe, ensuring we can quickly return to normal operations. Secure your home, gather supplies, and stay informed. As the storm hits and then passes, know that our ships may sortie for storm avoidance, and responders will shelter in place. They will resume assistance and conduct port assessments as soon as it's safe to do so to protect lives and the flow of vital commerce."

School closures

In light of the approaching storm, Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence Camacho said all CNMI public schools will be closed today as well as programs, including the Head Start/Early Head Start and Early Intervention programs, and PSS Central and school offices.

"Rest assured, we are in close communication with the appropriate government agencies and we are on standby for any new information. We will provide more updates as soon as they become available," he shared. "We encourage everyone to stay safe and protected during this time."

NMC also notified the media and students that all classes today are canceled.

For private schools, parents and students are encouraged to contact their school representatives, as not all are closed. Saipan Community School issued their notice to parents and students that as of early evening yesterday, they intend to open.

"As of now (7pm, Nov. 12, 2024), Saipan Community School will remain open on Nov. 13. Currently, the weather forecast is predicting windy and wet conditions for Saipan. We will continue to monitor the situation through the night and reassess the conditions/forecasts in the early morning. Please check for a 6am update. Thank you for your understanding and please be safe."

During a live stream storm update with the U.S. National Weather Service in Guam yesterday afternoon, meteorologists shared that they don't predict the storm will be at the same velocity as Typhoon Mawar, but still encouraged the community to stay safe and remain informed, as updates on the storm develop.

FRAHM

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and three of the superseding indictment filed by the United States government, specifically; possession of child pornography and engaging in illicit sexual conduct in foreign places.

According to Frahm's plea agreement, the possession of child pornography charge—which is a class C felony—carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years while the engaging in illicit sexual conduct in foreign places charge—a class B felony—carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 30 years.

Pursuant to Frahm's plea agreement, if the court accepts the agreement, the defendant will be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 156 months or about 13 years.

In addition, the court may impose a fine not to exceed $250,000, and that a mandatory $100 special assessment applies to each count.

Also, unless the court finds the defendant to be indigent, an additional mandatory special assessment of $5,000 will be imposed pursuant to the Justice for Victims Trafficking Act of 2015.

The court may also order an additional special assessment of up to $17,000 and deprive Frahm of certain rights, such as the right to vote or the right to public assistance.

Frahm, upon his release from prison, will be placed under supervised release to be determined by the court (anywhere between a minimum of five years and a life term).

Also, Frahm will be required to register as a sex offender for 15 years if the court determines him a Tier I sex offender, or 25 years if the court determines he is a Tier II sex offender.

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"We called a meeting with our candidates immediately after the election to debrief and discuss the unofficial results of the NMI election. During the time of our meeting, we were also watching the results of the presidential elections and other races live on TV at our headquarters. The results of the races as they were called were a shock to all of us. It was in that moment where I knew the next four years were going to be challenging for our country," said Luella Marciano, vice chair of the local Democratic Party.

However, Marciano remains optimistic that Democrats will continue their fight.

"I remain hopeful that our Democrats will continue to fight the good fight, and work beyond party lines to deliver for our people," she said.

Party member and CNMI Department of Labor Secretary Leila Staffler echoed Marciano's sentiment.

"All my life I have been taught that character counts, decorum matters, and mutual respect is a corner stone of democracy. Today more than ever I see how important it is to uphold these values and be the example I hope to see in the world. We are not done fighting the good fight," she said.

Democratic Party central executive committee member Vicente Salas II, for his part, expressed his concerns about the role social media played in the national elections.

"We live in a concerning, if not troubling, time where heavy dependency on social media technologies as the primary means of information has given rise and prominence to a greatly evolved 'Age of Disinformation.' This past presidential election result was extremely indicative of that. Political influencer grifters, think-tanks, and mouthpieces operating in an echo chamber of followers seeking affirmation of their own beliefs all worked in tandem to 'normalize' Trump's behavior, and that of his ilk, to the point too many voters were readily willing to sacrifice basic civil ethics, morality, and human decency, if it meant pushing their 'prized horse' through to the finish line. If we do not proactively take caution and implement safeguards even more fervently than what was commenced in 2016, we stand in great danger of walking headfirst into an era of normalized fascism and disintegration of civil liberties," he said.

Meanwhile, incumbent precinct 3 Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai (D-Saipan) shared her well wishes by congratulating the 47th president.

"I personally extend my congratulations to our President-elect Donald Trump on his victory, and I am confident that our CNMI relations to the federal government will be unabated, especially that we now have a new CNMI Republican delegate-elect to Congress. I am confident, and I don't see any reason for our relations to the federal government to be any different," she said.

Previously, Gov. Arnold I. Palacios reacted to Trump's re-election stating his administration is ready to work with the incoming Trump administration.

Borja, Orsini elected Board of Education chair, secretary-treasurer

The current elected members of the CNMI Board of Education elected Gregory Pat Borja to lead the governing and policymaking body of the Public School System, filling out the position that was left vacant following the resignation due to health reasons of its former chairperson.

Rota's Herman Atalig of Rota stepped down last July.

Prior to last week's election, Maisie B. Tenorio assumed the acting chairperson capacity for four months. She reverts back to her previous position as vice chairperson.

Borja, the former secretary-treasurer, was nominated by Tinian BOE member Antonio L. Borja and was seconded by Tenorio. It was a unanimous board for all elected members. The other elected BOE members are Andrew L. Orsini of Saipan and Daniel O. Quitugua of Rota.

The BOE also elected Orsini as the new secretary-treasurer, succeeding Borja.

"I appreciate everyone's faith in my leadership," Borja said in a brief remark. He was also elected BOE chairman in 2022.

Orsini, for his part, expressed his appreciation to his colleagues: "I will do my best to serve the needs of our community through our BOE."

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Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho explains a point as Board of Education chair Gregory Pat Borja and BOE member Antonio L. Borja listens.

New student representative is sworn in

Before the BOE election, then-acting chair Masie B. Tenorio administered the oath of office of Vinnie Juan Q. Sablan as the new student representative to the policy and governing body of the school district.

Sablan is the current speaker of the CNMI Youth Congress. He is a junior attending Kagman High School.

"I'm excited to serve our public school students with this new appointment. For now, I will use this opportunity to listen and observe (how the BOE works)," said Sablan.

Sablan was accompanied by his parents, Vinnie and Roca Sablan, during his official swearing-in yesterday morning at the BOE conference room on Capital Hill.

In welcoming the new student representative, Tenorio was joined by BOE members Gregory Pat Borja, Antonio L. Borja, Antonio L. Orsini, Daniel Quitugua, non-public school representative Dr. Ronald Snyder, and teacher representative Dr. Dora Miura, who participated online.

Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho led PSS management in witnessing the ceremony.

"We look forward to working with you through the many programs and initiatives that we have for our students... that are being implemented in all of our elementary, middle, and high schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," Camacho said.

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Board of Education chair Gregory Pat Borja, vice chair Maisie B. Tenorio, secretary-treasurer Andrew L. Orsini, board members Antonio L. Borja and Daniel Quitugua, and non-public school representative Dr. Ron Snyder pose for a photo. Teacher representative Dr. Dora Miura attended via online.

Tenorio formally introduced the new student representative yesterday morning before the start of the regular BOE meeting.

"I would like to congratulate the new student representative who is also the speaker of the youth congress," BOE member Quitugua said.

"Thank you for accepting this opportunity to take the lead on behalf of our public school students. We're glad that you're joining us," BOE member Orsini said separately. ***(PR)***

Another successful MantaFest hosted on Yap

» Pacific's premier dive photography event Sst to return in 2025

KEN SUTHERLAND/

"Sharks Over-Under (Spit Shot)" photo entry by Ken Sutherland, winner of Best of MantaFest 2024

The 17th Annual MantaFest, hosted by the Manta Ray Bay Resort and Yap Divers, has once again captivated underwater photographers, divers, and ocean enthusiasts from around the world. The event saw several returning participants, a testament to MantaFest's enduring appeal as one of the Pacific's premier dive photography events.

An exciting new feature was also introduced this year at MantaFest: blackwater diving. Attendees embarked on several deep ocean night dives, exploring the waters of the "Yap Trench" which reaches depths of over 9,000 meters in the Pacific Ocean. Here they discovered a surreal underwater world, where alien-like creatures and vibrant marine life appeared to float straight out of a dream. Due to its popularity blackwater diving will now be offered weekly and upon request by Manta Ray Bay Resort. Particularly during the non-tradewind season from June to mid-November, which offers thrill-seekers an exciting opportunity to dive into the mysterious depths of Yap year-round.

This year's event again featured a dive photography competition with attractive prizes offered in various categories. The grand prize was awarded to Ken Sutherland, whose "Sharks Over-Under" entry was declared Best of MantaFest 2024, winning him a live-aboard scuba trip sponsored by Odyssey Adventures Truk Lagoon. A full list of the 2024 winners and their winning photos entries can be found on the Manta Ray Bay Resort's website.

Next year's event will be held from Aug. 23 through Sept. 7, 2025. You can find out more information on this event and on diving in Yap by visiting Manta Ray Bay Resort's website, or meeting with them in person at booth #3018 during the DEMA Dive Show from Nov. 19 to 22 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Nevada.

Yap is an island in the Federated States of Micronesia, in the Pacific Ocean that is ringed by spectacular coral reefs and famous for its scuba diving with giant manta rays, sharks and mandarinfish. Other key activities on the island include canoeing, kayaking, hiking, deep-sea fishing and exploring the many World War II historical sites. Yap is also uniquely famous for its stone money (huge disks of stone, which are still used today in major transactions), strong traditional culture and way of life, and welcoming residents. Just a short flight away from Guam or Palau, this Pacific gem is one of the tourism industry's best kept secrets. For more information on visiting Yap go to www.visityap.com. ***(PR)***

Christmas in The Marianas kicks off on Dec. 7

The Marianas Visitors Authority—in collaboration with PDM Promoters, Team PDI, and local schools—will host the 20th Annual Christmas in The Marianas signature event for visitors and the community next month beginning on Dec. 7, 2024.

This year's celebration will gather revelers from 5pm to 9pm on two Saturdays —Dec. 7 and 14—in Garapan, at Paseo de Marianas, which will be partially closed to vehicle traffic. Twenty public and private schools have signed up to share their holiday spirit with Christmas caroling, skits, and costumes. The festivities also will include a display of Christmas Trees featuring natural and recycled decorations made by schoolchildren will be staged for the public to enjoy.

"Two decades ago, the board of directors of the MVA had the foresight to begin a series of annual signature events to attract visitors and media attention to our destination—Christmas in The Marianas is one of those events still going strong," said MVA acting managing director Judy C. Torres. "It's an event loved by the students, the community, and our visitors. We hope everyone will join us in celebrating the spirit of the season during this season."

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Northern Marianas International School band and chorus perform at Christmas in The Marianas in December 2023 in Garapan. The 20th Annual Christmas in The Marianas celebration will be organized by Marianas Visitors Authority on the evenings of Dec. 7 and 14, 2024, at Paseo de Marianas, featuring holiday music, skits, and more.

Participating schools are William S. Reyes Elementary School, Hopwood Middle School, Grace Christian Academy, Green Meadow School, Tanapag Middle School, Saipan International School, Garapan Elementary School, Dandan Middle School, Northern Mariana International School, Agape Christian School, San Vicente Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, Brilliant Star School, Mount Carmel School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary, Saipan Community School, Da'ok Academy, Oleai Elementary School, Saipan Southern High School, Marianas High School, Saipan Community School, and Admiral Hopwood Middle School.

Festivities will kick off with a countdown to the lighting of the Christmas Trees on Dec. 7 at 5:30pm. Prizes will be awarded on Dec. 14, 2024, to the top schools in various contests.

This event is sponsored by Tinian Diamond Hotel Casino & Restaurant.

In cooperation with the Tinian Mayor's Office, the MVA will hold a Christmas variety show competition for students highlighting Christmas carols, costumes, and performances. On Rota details are being finalized and will be announced shortly for a Christmas parade and yard-decorating competition.

For more information, visit The Marianas Calendar at www.mymarianas.com or contact lead event coordinator and MVA Community Projects coordinator II Jack Aranda at communityprojects@mymarianas.com or (670) 664-3200/1. ***(PR)***

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Tuesday's election showed the democratic system works

Whether Wednesday morning brought jubilation or despair, American voters should agree that the nation's electoral system worked. President-elect Donald Trump's sweeping victory came remarkably smoothly on Election Day. While there was some isolated trouble at polling places across the country, voting to a vast degree was orderly, safe and convenient, which should underscore public confidence in the result.

Trump's victory was confirmed early Wednesday after he captured the battleground state of Wisconsin, putting the former and future president above the 270 electoral votes required to win the White House.

While a final vote count will take days, Trump was on track to win both the Electoral College and the national popular vote in his campaign against Vice President Kamala Harris. It was a stunning turnaround for a polarizing figure who regularly attacks the nation's institutions and norms.

But despite the most fraught presidential election in modern times, Election Day on Tuesday went noticeably well. While several bomb threats were reported in battleground states, the threats in Georgia, Arizona and Pennsylvania were quickly determined to be hoaxes. Elections officials evacuated some polling places and extended voting hours to accommodate the disruptions. However, states showed their competence by having contingencies in place and were prompt in reporting results. That was all the more important Tuesday given Trump's baseless claims about election security and fraud in the run-up to the election.

Tuesday's experience shows that the people who run the nation's elections are committed to a fair and free democracy. That should at least comfort Harris supporters and others whose candidates lost in down-ballot races. Elections offices, for the most part, build on their improvements from one campaign cycle to the next. Voters who were disappointed Tuesday can look to 2026 and beyond for better candidates, better messaging or better turnout, or maybe all three, buoyed by the comfort that the voting process itself is functional and secure.

The winners Tuesday are obligated not to undermine a government they inherit. Whether it's the White House, Congress, state legislature or local government seat, these new officeholders—Trump included—should look to strengthen these institutions of democracy. The peaceful transfer of power is a model America gifts to the world.

As former Republican Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, an outspoken Trump critic, noted on social media Wednesday: "Our nation's democratic system functioned last night and we have a new President-elect," she wrote on the platform X, adding: "All Americans are bound, whether we like the outcome or not, to accept the results of our elections." That's the fair price of giving every voter a choice in our system of self-determination.

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Trump 2.0 is bad for the climate but not hopeless

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In poll after poll, Americans say they care about climate change. But then again, they also say they care about democracy, women's rights and other such ideals. And yet for the second time in three elections, they have chosen to give ultimate political power to someone loudly and diametrically opposed to them.

For the climate, the best we can hope is that the aftermath of the 2024 election will remain just short of catastrophic. The progress made by President Joe Biden is significant and in some key ways will be difficult to undo. The world's transition from fossil fuels toward clean energy has a natural momentum that survived Donald Trump's first term in office and will likely survive his second.

With a big enough dose of hopium, we might even choose to believe that Elon Musk—who has made much of his fortune running a company dependent on that energy transition—will be a moderating influence on a president who says wind turbines kill whales and cause cancer. But Musk isn't even a moderating influence on himself most of the time, and Trump has repeatedly proved to be a poor candidate for moderation anyway.

Far more likely is that an energy transition described again and again recently as moving too slowly to limit global heating to merely bad levels will receive little to no help from the government of the world's largest fossil-fuel producer for at least the next four critical years. A Trump administration will add 4 billion more tons of carbon pollution to the atmosphere than a second Biden term would have, according to a June analysis by the nonprofit Carbon Brief. That matches the combined annual emissions of the E.U. and Japan. The country's goal of cutting emissions in half by 2030 is now a pipe dream.

Project 2025, the Heritage Foundation blueprint for a second Trump term, written by several former Trump officials, calls for overturning Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, the most important climate legislation in history. It calls for gutting regulation of power plants and auto emissions and widespread drilling for oil and natural gas. It would fill the federal government with climate-change deniers and fossil-fuel lobbyists. And it would remove the U.S.—still one of the world's biggest carbon polluters—from the global effort to minimize and adapt to environmental chaos.

Of course, we don't need the Heritage Foundation to tell us what Trump would like to do in a second term; he did all of the above in his first. A big question now is the durability of the scaffolding Biden built in the four-year interregnum between the two, a period that in retrospect was clearly a precious reprieve.

As my Bloomberg Opinion colleague Liam Denning and I have written, Biden's climate-related executive orders can be excised with the stroke of a pen. Trump-packed courts probably won't stand in the way of gutting environmental regulations. Trump could shut down the flow of government loans to cleantech projects and make the Internal Revenue Service an obstacle to accessing tax benefits.

On the other hand, the U.S. government isn't the only player in this game. Local governments can still make a difference. Last Tuesday, Washington voters kept the state's cap-and-trade program alive. Columbus and Nashville approved mass-transit upgrades. The rest of the world, including corporate America, recognizes the economic, social and public health benefits of building a cleaner future. Ironically, the man who called climate change a Chinese hoax could well hand leadership of the fight against global heating to China.

And as Denning has detailed, most of the IRA's cleantech subsidies are going to Republican districts. GOP politicians have already made it clear they'd like to keep them. If Trump and Republicans in Congress choose to listen, that could keep billions of federal dollars flowing to solar, wind and battery installations, electric-vehicle projects and more. And global energy markets don't just shift gears at the whim of U.S. presidents.

But electrification and clean energy are only part of the equation for meeting the goal of the Paris Agreement to keep global heating well below 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial averages. To be truly effective, the IRA's carrots must be paired with sticks to discourage fossil-fuel use, including carbon pricing and ending implicit and explicit subsidies. Always politically tricky to wield even in the best of times, those will probably never see the light of day in a Trump regime.

The window to curb emissions and avoid the worst outcomes of global heating is closing rapidly. Trump's government might be about to help slam it shut. It's up to the Americans who claim to care about such things to join the rest of the world in doing everything they can to push in the other direction.

Don't fall into total despair, Harris supporters. There was some good election night news

By ROBIN ABCARIAN
Los Angeles Times

I share the pain of those who are deeply disappointed that Americans have chosen, for the second time, an unhinged, misogynistic, racist strongman for president.

A majority voted for a former president described as a "fascist" by his own former staff members, who has promised "mass deportations" of the millions of undocumented immigrants, who has vowed to reinstate his misbegotten Muslim ban, who intimates that he will hand Ukraine over to Russian President Vladimir Putin and allow Israel free rein in Gaza.

I will leave the election post-mortems to people whose jobs it is to figure out how and why Vice President Kamala Harris and other Democrats failed to make their case, and what the party must now do to regain the trust and votes of the frustrated working-class Americans and others who have deserted them in droves.

As a mother, grandmother, aunt, friend and proud Californian, my assignment now is to look forward, and to help those I love find some shards of hope in this dark moment.

After all, some good things happened Tuesday night.

For starters, this interminable campaign is finally over. Many of us may hate the results, but at least we won't have to listen to four more years of President-elect Trump's whining, wheedling and lies about who won.

California's Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Burbank, who led the first successful impeachment against President Trump, handily won a seat in the U.S. Senate. Not that his Republican opponent, former professional baseball player Steve Garvey, ever really stood a chance, but it's comforting to know that such an outspoken Trump antagonist won in a blowout, and will become one of the highest-profile Democrats in Washington. When the wildfires come and Trump once again plays politics with federal relief dollars, California will need someone who can play hardball.

In other good news, American voters delivered yet another rebuke to the Supreme Court's terrible 2022 decision that ripped away the 50-year-old constitutional right to abortion.

Ten states had measures ensuring access to abortion on their ballots on Tuesday. Voters in seven—Arizona, Colorado, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nevada and New York—supported amending their state constitutions to protect that fundamental right.

Voters in only three—Florida, Nebraska and South Dakota—did not. But even in Florida, well over half the electorate—57%—voted in favor of preserving the right to abortion to the point of viability. Unfortunately, the threshold for amending Florida's constitution is 60%, so the state's ban on abortion after six weeks will remain in effect.

Now we will learn whether Trump and his Vice President-elect JD Vance were telling the truth when they repeatedly claimed to oppose a national abortion ban. Personally, I think they will do everything in their power to appease their right-wing Christian base by working to restrict access to medication abortions, which involve a regimen of pills, not surgery. The good news is that there will be a healthy resistance to this move, and an already well-developed underground medication pipeline will grow. As they have since the Dobbs decision, women will continue to end pregnancies they do not wish to carry, even as the government threatens them.

I know it's popular to pooh-pooh identity politics; Harris, smartly, never overplayed her hand as potentially the first Black and South Asian woman to become president. But sometimes identity not only matters—it's worth celebrating.

For the first time in history, two Black women will simultaneously serve in the U.S. Senate: Angela Alsobrooks of Maryland and Lisa Blunt Rochester of Delaware. Also in Delaware, voters elected Democrat Sarah McBride, 34, as the first out transgender member of Congress. This is more than symbolically important at a time when Republicans such as Trump have ginned up fear with outlandish, untrue stories about children going to school in the morning and coming home in the afternoon having received gender transition surgery.

Blessedly, North Carolina Republican Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, who reportedly called himself a Black Nazi and declared that slavery was not bad, was trounced for governor by his Democratic rival, Josh Stein.

In Florida, Democrat Monique Worrell, the reform-minded African American state attorney who was ousted by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis in a blatantly partisan move, was reelected: Fifty-seven percent of Florida voters repudiated DeSantis, who had accused Worrell of pursuing lenient sentences and declining to prosecute certain charges.

"No governor's petty political maneuvers and no amount of dark money can silence the voices of thousands who demand a fair, smart approach to justice over the failed, outdated policies of the past," Worrell said in a statement released by her campaign.

I refuse to give up hope because our country's electorate so often functions as a self-correcting organism. When politicians go too far, voters slap them back toward the center.

It won't take long for Americans to tire of the inevitable chaos and cruelty of a second Trump administration. They may be temporarily lulled by his promise to continue the tax cuts that promised to help the middle class but overwhelmingly benefited the rich.

But once they realize that his tariffs will have raised prices they think are already too high, his mass deportations will have left thousands of employers stranded and vegetables rotting in the fields, that inviting Russia to do "whatever the hell they want" to NATO countries will have undermined America's role as a superpower, they will sour on him. Just as they did in 2020.

It may take four ugly years, but trust me, the pendulum will eventually swing back toward normal. It always does.

Red Caesarism—Second POTUS Baptism

POTUS 45 Donald J. Trump wins election 2024
An atrocity and monstrosity for democracy

My inspirations for this article are quotes from Roman Emperor and Stoic philosopher Marcus Aurelius, a sonnet written by Percy Bysshe Shelley, and a song by 2016 Nobel Prize winner for Literature, Bob Dylan.

Trump recently talked about "the enemy within" and "immigrants with bad genes." Saying Senator Adam Schiff

and former speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi are 'racists and fascists.' This is a typical Trump reversal of what he has proved to be over the time before and during his POTUS 45 term. Trump's admiration for fascism includes suggesting the use of military against people politically opposed to him, and stochastic terrorism. He recently suggested former Congress member Liz Cheney, a conservative Republican who publicly opposes him, should be faced with a 9-rifle firing squad. To make it more hypocritical he called Cheney a "war hawk" who would run away from fighting. We must remember Trump got out of being drafted into the U.S. military by having bone spurs in his feet. Remember House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's 80-year-old husband being beaten in the head with a hammer by a Trump supporter? The guy was so incensed after not finding Pelosi at home after Trump had made multiple negative statements about Pelosi, he began hitting her husband in the head right in front of the police who had come to arrest him.

Do any readers remember the stochastic terrorism foisted on the female governor of Michigan and her children after she was insulted and degraded by Trump? Racism and fascism can be found on both sides of Trump's MAGA coin. How many of his own lies and insults can and will Trump continue to purloin? Older citizens will remember the Central Park 5 accused of rape back in 1989. Trump took out a full-page ad in the *New York Times* demanding the death penalty for the five Black American young men. All were found guilty. They went to jail for many years but have now been fully exonerated of the crimes they were accused of.

On Trump and misogyny? Think of Trump's comments when he got off a bus, recorded by Axios, "You can do anything, grab 'em by the pussy…" Then there is his recent multi-million dollar fine for defaming a woman he was accused of raping in a department store. Now in a campaign speech he says to the TV cameras, "Women, I am your protector." How about his comments about his own daughter, "I would date her." Remember his visits to the dressing rooms of beauty pageants he sponsored?

On Trump and the January 2016 insurrection think about the SCOTUS decision on immunity for 45's actions before, during, and after the Jan. 6 insurrection.

On Trump, dictators, and fascism. Trump's fascination and admiration for fascistic and Communist dictators is well known throughout the world. Think of the "love letters" he bragged about from North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, and Russia's Putin who is bombing and invading Ukraine.

On Trump and plutocracy, think of his recent introduction, "... we have a new star, Elon!" He refers to Elon Musk who gave out millions of dollars to 45's campaign and followers and literally jumped up and down with joy over and over on stage when introduced by Trump. Plutocracy is an oligarchic type of government where the few who are wealthy hold power. Ploutos is Greek for "wealth" and Pluto was one of the names used for the Greek god of the underworld where all the earth's mineral wealth was stored.

Here are some quotes about the years 'after' POTUS Trump's second term:

From Roman Emperor and Stoic philosopher Marcus Aurelius, Bob Dylan, and Percy Bysshe Shelley. Of their words only time will tell and history confirm, read it online and watch it on your telly. Its growth might make you sick in your belly

A quote from Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius, a Stoic philosopher, born April 26, 121 A.D. in Rome, Italy and died March 17, 180 A.D. in Sirmium. He was the last of the rulers later known as the 'Five Good Emperors' and the last emperor of the Pax Romana, an age of relative peace, calm, and stability for the Roman Empire lasting from 27 B.C. to 181 AD.

"Keep constantly in your mind an impression of the whole of time and the whole of existence—and the thought that each individual thing is, on the scale of existence, a mere fig seed; on the scale of time, one turn of the drill."

From Marcus Aurelius, (Meditations X, 17). Here is a sonnet by English poet Percy Bysshe Shelley written in 1818. Titled Ozymandias it shows how power is temporary and deteriorates

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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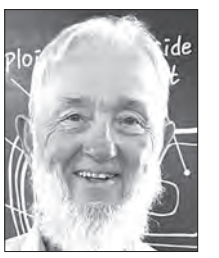

no matter how prideful or tyrannical a ruler is. Ramesses II of Egypt, whom the poem is about, was one of the ancient world's most powerful rulers. The poem relates the vanity of human glory and power:

OZYMANDIAS
By Percy Bysshe Shelley

I met a traveler from an antique land
Who said -"Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert… Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed:
And on the pedestal these words appear:
My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings:
Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!
Nothing beside remains, Round the decay
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away."

Bob Dylan who received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2016, echoed Shelley's ideas about time in many songs over the years. They included: "The Times They Are A Changing," "Blowin In The Wind," and "Things Have Changed" for which he won an Oscar in 2001. Here is Bob Dylan writing when he was 25 years old, which is the same age Percy Bysshe Shelley was when he wrote Ozymandias. A quote from "Most Likely You Go Your Way (And I'll Go Mine)," "Then time will tell just who fell and who's been left behind, When you go your way and I go mine." (1966).

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy. Breezy, with an east southeast wind 18 to 23 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.	A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny. East wind 18 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.	Partly sunny.	Mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny.
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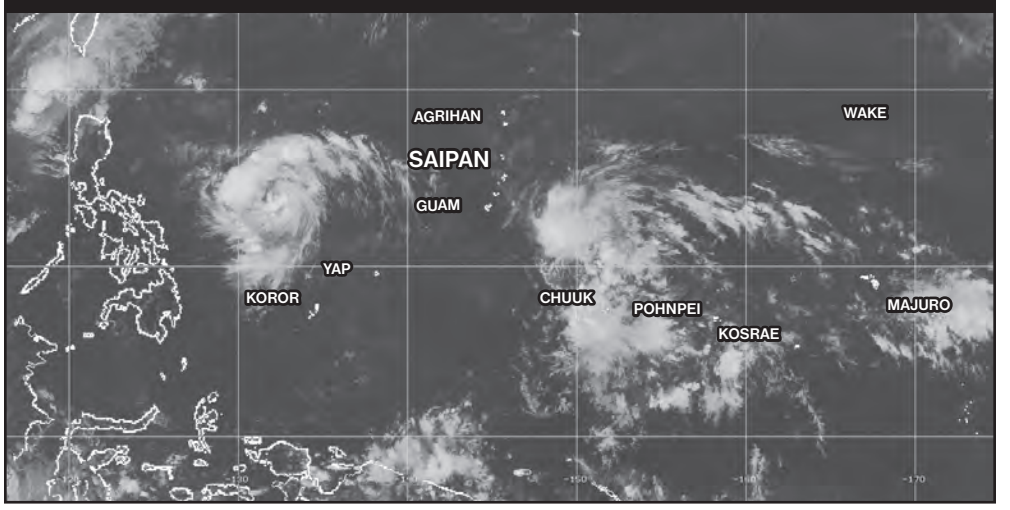

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Watch remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. Small Craft Advisory will be in effect this evening through Wednesday night. Very active weather is over the Marianas region. Tropical Storm Man-Yi is a little less than 400 miles east of Saipan and just moving slowly across 150E. Tropical Storm 27W is 275 miles northwest of Yap and moving away westward. Local radar shows only isolated showers across the coverage area and satellite shows thin cloudiness over the Marianas. Combined seas are mostly in the 5 to 7-foot range with occasional larger waves.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: https://www.weather.gov/gum/

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Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Palau	Sunny	84° / 77°
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 77°
Majuro	Cloudy	85° / 81°

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Thursday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	3:14 AM	3:30 PM
Thursday	-	4:13 AM	4:14 PM
Friday	-	5:14 AM	5:02 PM
Saturday	-	6:19 AM	5:55 PM
Sunday	-	7:26 AM	6:53 PM

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Auckland	Mostly Sunny	66° / 55°
Beijing	Fair	58° / 40°
Hong Kong	Fair	80° / 71°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	83° / 73°
London	Sunny	45° / 36°
Los Angeles	Sunny	74° / 57°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	91° / 80°
Melbourne	Rain	79° / 57°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	81° / 75°
New York	Clear	67° / 54°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	73° / 59°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	46° / 34°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	61° / 37°
Rome	Rain	54° / 41°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	69° / 45°
San Francisco	Showers	59° / 44°
Seoul	Sunny	70° / 48°
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	70° / 54°
Washington, DC	Clear	75° / 56°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
5:15 AM	High Tide	1.57
11:07 AM	Low Tide	0.44
5:16 PM	High Tide	1.96
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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA076	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	1:20PM	4:00PM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily
UA183	7:55PM	9:50PM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA076/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA076/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	2:30AM	6:25AM	Daily
7C3212	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX77	3:05AM	5:55AM	1, 5

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:50AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	5:30PM	10:05PM	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	00:40AM	6:25AM	3, 6
PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	10:55PM	4:40AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184	00:40AM	8:50AM	3, 6 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:50AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:50AM +1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
7C2306/3407	11:20PM	3:30PM+1	Daily

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3211	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily
TW307	8:00PM	1:30AM+1	Daily

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

HX76	6:25PM	1:35AM+1	4, 7

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	08:30	09:00	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	10:30	11:00	Daily
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	11:30	12:00	Saturday & Sunday
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:30	14:00	Monday To Friday
3104	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	11:30	12:00	Monday To Friday

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	12:30	13:00	Monday To Friday

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1201	SAIPAN	TINIAN	7:30	7:45	Daily
1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1206	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
1207	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2101	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2106	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2107	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

Business

Chamber holds general membership meeting today

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce invites its members to attend its general membership meeting today, Nov. 13, at the Queen's Hall of Kensington Hotel Saipan.

Chamber members will receive important updates from the committee chairs about recent activities and progress. Additionally, the 2025-2026 board of directors election will be held.

The Chamber will feature a special presentation by Chamber member Shawna Babauta, Communications and Membership manager at Marianas Alliance of Non-Governmental Organization. Babauta will offer a comprehensive overview of MANGO's impactful work within the community emphasizing the critical role of non-profit organizations in supporting the region. She will also share how MANGO's initiatives align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its efforts to improve data collection, ultimately strengthening the effectiveness of non-profits across the region.

Babauta

According to Babauta, the nonprofit employment is the third-largest workforce in the U.S., following retail and manufacturing, representing approximately 12.5 million jobs, or about 10% of the private workforce. These jobs are primarily concentrated in healthcare, education, and social assistance sectors, making a significant impact on the economy and community well-being.

MANGO's mission is to nurture the nonprofit community in the CNMI for sustainability by facilitating their growth through guidance, training, and services. Its vision is to have a strong, stable nonprofit sector providing services to the CNMI, increasing overall community health and well-being.

The registration fee for Chamber meeting is $35 for Chamber members and $40 for future members or those invited by Chamber members. It includes lunch, valuable networking opportunities, and the chance to participate in insightful discussions on key developments in the community.

To register, RSVP by visiting: https://tinyurl.com/SCCNOVGMM, or contact their office at (670) 234-7150 or via email at contactus@saipanchamber.org for registration assistance.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization with approximately 131 members dedicated to promoting the economic growth and development of the CNMI. The Chamber serves as the collective voice of the business community, advocating for their interests, fostering collaboration, and driving initiatives that support the local economy.

Bitcoin has topped $87K for a new record high

NEW YORK (AP)—As money continues to pour into crypto following Donald Trump's victory last week, bitcoin has climbed to yet another record high.

The world's largest cryptocurrency topped $87,000 for the first time on Monday. As of around 3:45 p.m. ET, bitcoin's price stood at $87,083, per CoinDesk, up over 28% in the last week alone.

That's part of a rally across cryptocurrencies and crypto-related investments since Trump won the U.S. presidential election last week. Analysts credit much of the recent gains to an anticipated "crypto-friendly" nature of the incoming administration, which could translate into more regulatory clarity but also leeway.

Still, as with everything in the volatile cryptoverse, the future is hard to predict. And while some are bullish, others continue to warn of investment risks.

Here's what you need to know.

AP
Bitcoin logos are displayed at the Inside Bitcoins conference and trade show on April 7, 2014, in New York.

Back up. What is cryptocurrency again?

Cryptocurrency has been around for a while now, but has come under the spotlight in recent years.

In basic terms, cryptocurrency is digital money. This kind of currency is designed to work through an online network without a central authority—meaning it's typically not backed by any government or banking institution—and transactions get recorded with technology called a blockchain.

Bitcoin is the largest and oldest cryptocurrency, although other assets like Ethereum, Tether and Dogecoin have gained popularity over the years. Some investors see cryptocurrency as a "digital alternative" to traditional money—but it can be very volatile, and reliant on larger market conditions.

Why are bitcoin and other crypto assets soaring now?

A lot of it has to do with the outcome of last week's election.

Trump was previously a crypto skeptic, but changed his mind and embraced cryptocurrencies during this year's presidential race. He has pledged to make the U.S. "the crypto capital of the planet" and create a "strategic reserve" of bitcoin. His campaign accepted donations in cryptocurrency and he courted fans at a bitcoin conference in July. He also launched World Liberty Financial, a new venture with family members to trade cryptocurrencies.

Crypto industry players welcomed Trump's victory, in hopes that he would be able to push through legislative and regulatory changes that they've long lobbied for. And Trump had previously promised that, if elected, he would remove the chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Gary Gensler, who has been leading the U.S. government's crackdown on the crypto industry and repeatedly called for more oversight.

"Crypto rallied as Election Day progressed into the night and as it became increasingly clear that Trump would emerge victorious," Citi analysts David Glass and Alex Saunders wrote in a Friday research note, pointing to larger industry sentiment around Trump being "crypto-friendly" and a potential shift in regulatory backing.

Even before the post-election rally, assets like bitcoin posted notable gains over the past year or so. Much of the credit goes to early success of a new way to invest in the asset: spot bitcoin ETFs, which were approved by U.S. regulators in January.

Inflows into spot ETFs, or exchange-traded funds, "have been the dominant driver of Bitcoin returns from some time, and we expect this relationship to continue in the near-term," Glass and Saunders noted. They added that spot crypto ETFs saw some of their largest inflows on record in the days following the election.

What are the risks?

Crypto assets like bitcoin have a history of drastic swings in value—which can come suddenly and happen over the weekend or overnight in trading that continues at all hours, every day.

In short, history shows you can lose money as quickly as you've made it. Long-term price behavior relies on larger market conditions.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, bitcoin stood at just over $5,000. Its price climbed to nearly $69,000 by November 2021, in a time marked by high demand for technology assets, but later crashed during an aggressive series of Federal Reserve rate hikes aimed at curbing inflation. Then came the 2022 collapse of FTX, which significantly undermined confidence in crypto overall.

At the start of last year, a single bitcoin could be had for less than $17,000. Investors, however, began returning in large numbers as inflation started to cool—and gains skyrocketed on the anticipation and then early success of spot ETFs. While some crypto supporters see the potential for more record-breaking days, experts still stress caution, especially for small-pocketed investors.

"Investors should only dabble in crypto with money that they can be prepared to lose," Susannah Streeter, head of money and markets at Hargreaves Lansdown, said last week. "Because we've seen these wild swings in the past."

What about the climate impact?

Assets like bitcoin are produced through a process called "mining," which consumes a lot of energy. And operations relying on pollutive sources have drawn particular concern over the years.

Recent research published by the United Nations University and Earth's Future journal found that the carbon footprint of 2020-2021 bitcoin mining across 76 nations was equivalent to the emissions from burning 84 billion pounds of coal or running 190 natural gas-fired power plants. Coal satisfied the bulk of bitcoin's electricity demands (45%), followed by natural gas (21%) and hydropower (16%).

In the U.S., the Energy Information Administration notes that crypto mining across the country has "grown very rapidly over the last several years," adding that grid planners have begun to express concern over increases in related electricity demand. Preliminary estimates released by the EIA in February suggest that annual electricity use from crypto mining probably represents between 0.6% to 2.3% of U.S. electricity consumption.

Environmental impacts of bitcoin mining boil largely down to the energy source used. Industry analysts have maintained that clean energy has increased in use in recent years, coinciding with rising calls for climate protections from regulators around the world.

Nation

‘I got my life back’

» Veterans with PTSD making progress thanks to service dog program

AP

Air Force Staff Sgt. Heather O’Brien holds her labradoodle service dog, Albus, on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, in Kansas City, Kan.

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—After working at a crowded and dangerous internment camp in Iraq, Air Force Staff Sgt. Heather O’Brien brought home with her anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder.

A bouncy labradoodle and a Kansas City-area program helped her get back on her feet.

Dogs 4 Valor, operated through the Olathe, Kansas-based organization called The Battle Within, helps retired veterans and first responders work with their service dogs to help manage depression, anxiety and other challenges.

“A lot of times the veteran with severe PTSD is homebound,” said Sandra Sindeldecker, program manager for Dogs 4 Valor. “They’re isolated. They’re very nervous. They won’t make eye contact. Some won’t leave the house at all.”

The program involves both group and one-on-one training. The goal is to get the veteran and the dog comfortable with each other and understanding each other. The group takes outings to help the veterans regain their footing in public places like airports. Program leaders also provide mental health therapy at no cost.

The veterans and dogs graduate in six to nine months, but group gatherings continue.

There is growing evidence of the value of service dogs for veterans with PTSD. A small study published in JAMA Network Open in June looked at a program operated by K9s For Warriors. Service dogs in the program are taught to pick up a veteran’s physical signs of distress and can interrupt panic attacks and nightmares with a loving nudge.

Researchers compared 81 veterans who received service dogs with 75 veterans on the waiting list for a trained dog. After three months, PTSD symptoms improved in both groups, but the veterans with dogs saw a bigger improvement on average.

O’Brien, 40, recalled that the camp where she worked in Iraq sometimes had over 20,000 detainees. Violence and rioting were common and it left her with severe anxiety.

“When I got out of the military, I just assumed that you’re supposed to be on edge all the time as a veteran,” O’Brien said.

O’Brien’s mother spotted the frisky lab-poodle mix on Facebook and convinced her daughter to adopt the dog she named Albus. Months later, O’Brien learned about Dogs 4 Valor, and the pair joined the program in October 2023.

O’Brien says she can now go out in public again—she even went on vacation to Branson, Missouri, “things that I never would have thought I would do really, probably ever again.”

Mark Atkinson, 38, served in Afghanistan as a corporal in the Marine Corps. He returned home with PTSD and major depressive disorder, causing sleeplessness and anxiety. He adopted Lexi, now 5, in 2020.

Lexi, a muscular cane corso breed, needed Atkinson as much as he needed her. Her previous owner had kept Lexi in chains before surrendering her. Since joining Dogs 4 Valor, the two can get out together and enjoy life.

“I don’t really like leaving the house because I’m safe there, you know?” Atkinson said. “And having Lexi has just made me get out to be more social.”

Having a group of fellow veterans facing the same challenges has also helped, Atkinson said.

“We come from the same backgrounds, different branches,” Atkinson said. “Same issues. You know, PTSD or traumatic brain injuries. And they’re all very welcoming, as well. There’s no judgment.”

O’Brien compared living with Albus to a relationship with a sometimes pushy best friend who often wants to go out.

“The best friend constantly wants to make you do things that make you nervous,” O’Brien laughed, acknowledging that it is ultimately up to her.

“I have to decide to walk out and just deal with life,” O’Brien said. “And so that has been hard. And it still is hard from time to time, but it’s it’s getting manageable.”

Some veterans said their family relationships have improved since they started the program.

“I’m able to talk, not fly off the handle and just get along with people and not be as stressed, not have as much anxiety,” Atkinson said. “Or even if I do, she (Lexi) is right there with me.”

Timothy Siebenmorgen, 61, said his relationships also are better with help from his 1-year-old American bulldog, Rosie, and Dogs 4 Valor, which he joined in July. He served in both the Marines and the Army, deploying 18 times.

“You’re in the military, kind of taught not to show weakness,” Siebenmorgen said. “So you figure you can tackle everything yourself and you honestly believe that. And then you realize you can’t do it on your own.”

Veterans said the dogs, and the program, have given them new hope and a renewed ability to move forward.

“I got my life back,” O’Brien said.

World

Russia open to hearing Trump proposals to end Ukraine war

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Russia is open to hearing President-elect Donald Trump’s proposals on ending the war, an official said, as a Russian drone killed one person and wounded 13 in the Ukrainian port city of Odesa and the European Union foreign policy chief held talks in Kyiv after the change in U.S. leadership.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said Moscow and Washington were “exchanging signals” on Ukraine via “closed channels.” He did not specify whether the communication was with the current administration or Trump and members of his incoming administration.

Russia is ready to listen to Trump’s proposals on Ukraine provided these were “ideas on how to move forward in the area of settlement, and not in the area of further pumping the Kyiv regime with all kinds of aid,” Ryabkov said Saturday in an interview with Russian state news agency Interfax.

In Kyiv, Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha told reporters that Ukraine is ready to work with the Trump administration.

“Remember that President (Volodymyr) Zelenskyy was one of the first world leaders ... to greet President Trump,” he said. “It was a sincere conversation (and) an exchange of thoughts regarding further cooperation.”

“Also during the telephone conversation, further steps to establish communication between teams were discussed and this work has also begun. Therefore, we are open for further cooperation and I’m sure that a unified goal of reaching just peace unites all of us,” Sybiha said.

Sybiha appeared alongside EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, who said his visit is meant to stress the European Union’s support to Ukraine.

“This support remains unwavering. This support is absolutely needed, for you to continue defending yourself against Russian aggression,” he said.

Borrell urged “faster deliveries and fewer self imposed red lines” in getting Western weapons to Ukraine. He had appealed to allies in August to lift restrictions on Ukraine’s use of Western-supplied long-range weapons to strike Russian military targets.

In Odesa, regional Gov. Oleh Kiper said high-rise residential buildings, private houses and warehouses in the Black Sea port city were damaged overnight by the “fall” of a drone. He did not specify whether the drone had been shot down by air defenses.

A further 32 Russian drones were shot down over 10 Ukrainian regions, while 18 were “lost,” according to Ukraine’s air force, likely having been electronically jammed.

A Russian aerial bomb struck a busy highway overnight in the northeastern Kharkiv province, Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekohov said. No casualties were reported.

Russia is mounting an intensified aerial campaign that Ukrainian officials say they need more Western help to counter. However, doubts are deepening over what Kyiv can expect from a new U.S. administration. Trump has repeatedly taken issue with U.S. aid to Ukraine, made vague vows to end the war and has praised Russian President Vladimir Putin.

In Russia, the Defense Ministry said 50 Ukrainian drones were destroyed over seven Russian regions — more than half over the Bryansk region, bordering Ukraine.

NZ’s leader apologizes to survivors of abuse in state and church care

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—New Zealand’s Prime Minister Christopher Luxon made a “formal and unreserved” apology in Parliament on Tuesday for the widespread abuse, torture and neglect of hundreds of thousands of children and vulnerable adults in care.

“It was horrific. It was heartbreaking. It was wrong. And it should never have happened,” Luxon said, as he spoke to lawmakers and a public gallery packed with survivors of the abuse.

An estimated 200,000 people in state, foster and faith-based care suffered “unimaginable” abuse over a period of seven decades, a blistering report released in July said at the end of the largest inquiry ever undertaken in New Zealand. They were disproportionately Māori, New Zealand’s Indigenous people.

“For many of you it changed the course of your life, and for that, the government must take responsibility,” Luxon said. He said he was apologizing for previous governments too.

In foster and church care — as well as in state-run institutions, including hospitals and residential schools — vulnerable people “should have been safe and treated with respect, dignity and compassion,” he added. “But instead, you were subjected to horrific abuse and neglect and in some cases torture.”

The findings of the six-year investigation believed to be the widest-ranging of comparable probes worldwide were a “national disgrace,” the inquiry’s report said. New Zealand’s investigation followed two decades of such inquiries around the globe as nations struggle to reckon with authorities’ transgressions against children removed from their families and placed in care.

Of 650,000 children and vulnerable adults in New Zealand’s state, foster, and church care between 1950 and 2019 — in a country that today has a population of 5 million—nearly a third endured physical, sexual, verbal or psychological abuse. Many more were exploited or neglected.

“We will never know that true number,” Chris Hipkins, the leader of the opposition, told Parliament. “Many people entering into state and faith-based institutions were undocumented. Records were incomplete, they’ve gone missing, and in some cases, yes, they were deliberately destroyed.”

Life & Style

Megan Fox is expecting a baby with Machine Gun Kelly

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Megan Fox and Machine Gun Kelly are expecting to grow their family.

Fox announced her pregnancy in a social media post Monday. She appeared in a photo covered in black ink while holding her baby bump and another of a pregnancy test that said "Yes."

"Nothing is ever really lost. welcome back," the actor said in the post, tagging her fiance's song "Last November."

The couple spoke about experiencing a miscarriage more than a year ago. They announced their engagement in 2022.

Fox, 38, was married to actor Brian Austin Green from 2010 to 2021. They have three sons together.

Machine Gun Kelly, 34, whose real name is Colson Baker, has a daughter from a previous relationship.

AP

Megan Fox, right, and Machine Gun Kelly attend the iHeartRadio Music Awards on May 27, 2021, in Los Angeles.

King Charles III, Kate attend remembrance event as both slowly return to duty

LONDON (AP)—King Charles III led the nation Sunday in a two-minute silence in remembrance of fallen service personnel in central London as the Princess of Wales looked on, a further sign that the royal family is slowly returning to normal at the end of a year in which two of the most popular royals were sidelined by cancer.

Remembrance Sunday is a totemic event in the U.K., with the monarch leading senior royals, political leaders, including Prime Minister Keir Starmer and his eight living predecessors, and envoys from the Commonwealth countries in laying wreaths at the Cenotaph, the Portland stone memorial that serves as the focal point for honoring the nation's war dead.

The service is held on the second Sunday of November to mark the signing of the armistice to end World War I "on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" in 1918. Across the U.K., services are conducted at the same time in memory of the dead.

After the two-minute silence, buglers from the Royal Marines played the "Last Post," and Charles led the wreath-laying part of the service.

The 75-year-old king, dressed in his Royal Navy uniform of the Admiral of the Fleet, laid a wreath of poppies at the base of the Cenotaph in recognition of the fallen from conflicts dating back to World War I.

AP

Britain's Kate, Princess of Wales, stands on a balcony during the National Service of Remembrance at The Cenotaph in London, England, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024.

His eldest son and the heir to the throne, Prince William, left his own floral tribute—featuring the Prince of Wales' feathers and a new ribbon in Welsh red.

Dressed in somber black, his wife, Kate, watched on from a balcony of the nearby Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, as is tradition. Queen Camilla, who would normally be standing next to the princess, wasn't present as she recovered from a chest infection.

It's the first time since the start of the year that Kate carried out two consecutive days of public official engagements. On Saturday, she attended the Royal British Legion Festival Of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

Following the wreath-laying, around 10,000 veterans, including those who have fought in wars this century, notably in Afghanistan and Iraq, marched past the Cenotaph. With the passage of time, there were only a handful of World War II veterans present.

"It's always a great honor to be back on occasions like this, but I remember the guys that never came home on my ship when it was torpedoed," said 99-year-old Stan Ford, who has had to walk with leg calipers ever since the ship that he was serving on—HMS Fratton—was sunk off France's Normandy coast in August 1944 at the cost of 31 lives.

"They never came home, and I always feel it's my duty to put in an appearance and thank God for those that did survive, and to pray for the ones who didn't," said Ford, who was one of 38 survivors.

Mattel says it 'deeply' regrets misprint on 'Wicked' dolls packaging that links to porn site

NEW YORK (AP)—Toy giant Mattel says it "deeply" regrets an error on the packaging of its "Wicked" movie-themed dolls, which mistakenly links toy buyers to a pornographic website.

The error gained attention on social media over the weekend, where numerous users shared photos of the URL printed on the back of the boxes for the special edition dolls, which feature characters from the movie adaptation of "Wicked" set to hit theaters later this month. Instead of linking to Universal Pictures' official WickedMovie.com page, the website listed leads to an adult film site that requires consumers to be over 18 to enter.

In a statement sent to The Associated Press, Mattel said it was "made aware of a misprint on the packaging of the Mattel Wicked collection dolls," which it said are primarily sold in the U.S. "We deeply regret this unfortunate error and are taking immediate action to remedy this," the company added.

Mattel did not confirm whether this action included removing unsold products with the incorrect link from stores. But as of Monday morning, at least some of these "Wicked" dolls appeared to be no longer available or not in stock on sites like Amazon, Target and Mattel's.

In the meantime, the company is advising consumers who already have the dolls to discard their packaging or obscure the link—and contact Mattel's customer service for more information.

AP

Cynthia Erivo, left, and Ariana Grande arrive at the premiere of "Wicked" on Nov. 9, 2024, at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles.

A brief thank-you note has an outsized impact

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you printed a letter from a grandmother who said she was changing her will because neither her adult children nor her grandchildren ever wrote her thank-you notes when she sent a gift. I had taught my son the importance of writing thank-you notes, but he wasn't doing a very good job of completing the process. I cut out the letter from your column and sent it to him.

Boy, what a difference it made. He was recently married, and many people have told me what heartfelt thank-you notes they received in a timely manner and how much they were appreciated. He recently had a birthday, and every person who wished him well got a written thank-you.

Abby, please continue to remind your readers about the importance of thankfulness and kindness and what that means to others. Entitlement has gotten way out of hand. Handwritten thank-you notes are NOT old-fashioned. They lift the giver's heart. Thank you.

TAMARA IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TAMARA: The subject of thank-you notes is one of the most common complaints I receive from readers. Some people put off writing them because they have difficulty expressing themselves via the written word, don't know what to say or are afraid they'll say the wrong thing.

I advise readers to have a notebook handy when they open gifts and JOT DOWN THE FIRST WORDS THAT COME TO MIND when they see what's inside. For some reason, they mistakenly believe a thank-you must be long and flowery when, in fact, short and to the point is more effective. Do they like the color? The style? Is the gift something they've been wanting? Write it down and use it for inspiration!

My Letters booklet contains samples of thank-you notes for birthday gifts, shower gifts, wedding gifts and those that arrive at holiday time. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address plus a check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. You will find it also contains sample letters of congratulations as well as for difficult subjects, such as the loss of a parent, spouse or a child. Many readers have told me my booklet has served as a valuable tool in teaching their children basic good manners.

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DEAR ABBY: I am elderly and stuck in a miserable marriage. The romance is long gone. We live as roommates. If I were to die tomorrow, I don't think anyone would miss me. I'm partially disabled, and it is difficult for me to get out on my own. Must I accept life as it is, or should I kick his butt out?

HOPELESS IN TEXAS

DEAR HOPELESS: If you are financially dependent upon your husband or need his help for personal needs, I do not recommend "kicking his butt out." Contact your nearest senior center and ask what activities are offered in your community, including transportation for seniors or people with disabilities. If you do, you may be pleasantly surprised to discover you are not as isolated as you think.

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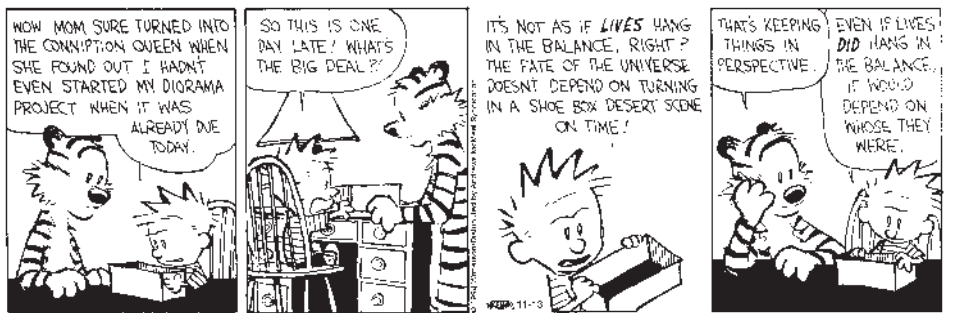
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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SO THIS IS ONE DAY LATE! WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?!
IT'S NOT AS IF LIVES HANG IN THE BALANCE, RIGHT? THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE DOESN'T DEPEND ON TURNING IN A SHOE BOX DESERT SCENE ON TIME!
THAT'S KEEPING THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE.
EVEN IF LIVES DID HANG IN THE BALANCE, IT WOULD DEPEND ON WHOSE THEY WERE.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

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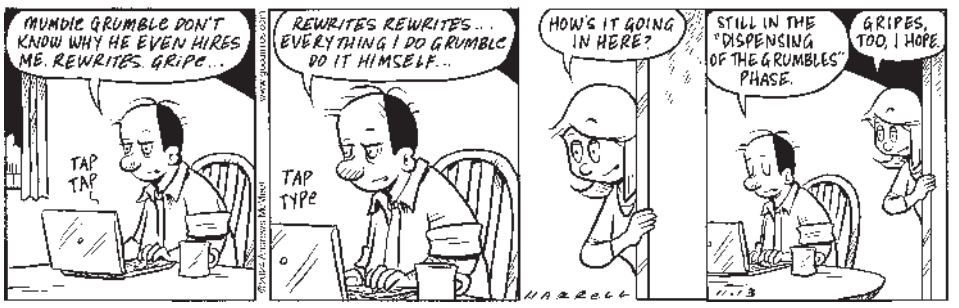
By Bryan Basset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REWRITES REWRITES... EVERYTHING I DO GRUMBLE DO IT HIMSELF...
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HOW'S IT GOING IN HERE?
STILL IN THE "DISPENSING OF THE GRUMBLES" PHASE.
GRIPES, TOO, I HOPE.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

YOU'VE GOT THE BODY OF A MAN HALF YOUR AGE.
THAT'S GOOD, RIGHT?
NOT REALLY. THE HYPOTHETICAL GUY I'M REFERRING TO HAS THE BODY OF A MAN 3 TIMES HIS AGE.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Requests
5 In shape
8 Nick and Nora's pet
12 Final Four gp.
13 Moody rock genre
14 Desist
15 Virginia Woolf's Clarissa
17 Roll call reply
18 Lieu
19 Yarn bundles
21 Peruse
24 Hostel
25 Moist in the morn
28 Suffix with "techno"
30 Sardonic
33 "Frontera" actress Longoria
34 Salon sounds
35 Packed away
36 Wager
37 Cask sediment
38 Pro votes
39 Id counterpart
41 Crummy grades
43 Flashing disco light
46 Evaluated, with "up"
50 Croquet site
51 Tom Hanks film
54 Pakistan neighbor
55 Trio after Q
56 "Unfaithful" actor Richard
57 Poet Angelou
58 Work with
59 Monet works

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1 Common bonds?
2 Ella's style
3 Curly cabbage
4 Periodic pay
5 Hardly any
6 "— Believer"
7 Santa's sackful
8 Pale
9 Big name in pianos
10 Undecided
11 Tarzan's clique
16 Keats creation
20 Young foxes
22 Skin breakout
23 Used a towel
25 Cotillion celeb
26 Night before
27 River or canal
29 Church section
31 Hwy.
32 "Of course"
34 Neatnik's nemesis
38 Italian cheese
40 "— Fly Now" ("Rocky" theme)
42 Superlative suffix
43 Slender
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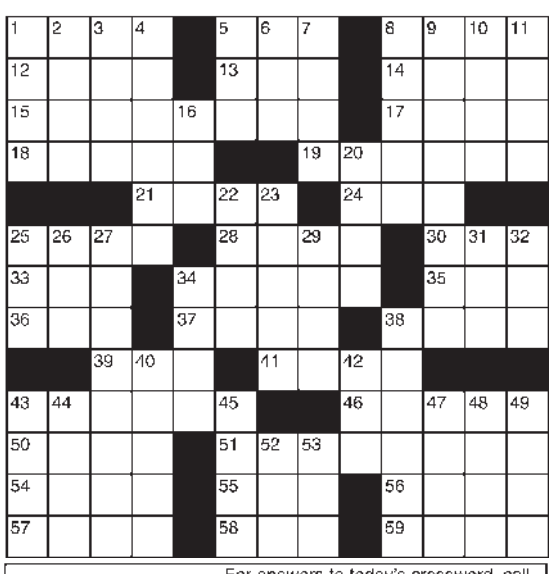
Yesterday's answer 11-13



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gerard Butler, 55; Jimmy Kimmel, 57; Whoopi Goldberg, 69; Joe Mantegna, 77.

Happy Birthday: Turn an innovative idea into a lifestyle change. List the pros and cons you face daily, consider what makes you happy and map out a plan that points you in a direction that eliminates negativity and leaves more time and space for what makes you feel good about life. Stop wasting time; utilize the added discipline you receive from Saturn this year to help you reach your target. Your numbers are 5, 13, 23, 27, 35, 44, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Use your intelligence to outmaneuver anyone trying to exploit you. Don't be naive or give anyone the power to make choices for you. Scour all avenues for opportunities and create what you deem best. Get a second opinion if you don't like what someone offers as a diagnosis or plan. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put your energy where it counts. Make comfort and convenience your goals. Set high standards and research your options to determine the most efficient and affordable way to move forward with your plans. Change begins with you; promote your best offer and clarify what you want in return. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take care of business yourself. If you depend on others, you will be disappointed in the results. Use your intelligence, knowledge and resources to help navigate your way forward. Go through the proper channels to forgo delays. A trip, meeting or conference will encourage positive change. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let your mind wander, but keep your money and possessions safe. Emotional spending is apparent if you buy into someone else's dreams or succumb to a manipulative sales pitch. Back up, be more introspective and consider how your skills, attributes and talents can benefit you. ✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do it yourself. Relying on others to do things for you will lead to regret and faulty results. Keep your thoughts to yourself when dealing with business matters or associates. Pressure tactics will backfire, leaving you in the lurch. Keep life simple and stick to the truth. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Communication is necessary to ensure things get done correctly. You are overdue for a change, but first, you must take care of loose ends. Once you have all your ducks in a row, reward yourself with a pick-me-up that makes you feel good about your appearance and accomplishments. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Dealing with people from different backgrounds will require open-mindedness. Offer alternatives and be willing to meet halfway if that's what it will take to get things done. Stick to the truth and verify the information you receive before you pass it along. An innuendo someone makes will be misleading. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Initiate change. Reset your schedule to ensure you have time to alter your preferences to suit your needs. Stay on top of money matters. Be sure to ask for a written estimate before you sign a contract. Research can help prevent making a costly mistake. Trust your intuition. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make a motion to do something that requires one of your talents and intelligence or that offers the opportunity to explore new possibilities and outlets. Let your passion rise and push you to do all that is required to make your dreams come true. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your emotions hidden from those trying to find your weak link. Put your energy into achieving your goals and fend off interference by keeping a low profile and making every move count. Strategy, discipline and hard work will pay off. Do what you do best. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A creative outlet will spark your imagination and encourage you to turn something you love doing into a moneymaking operation. Jumpstart your energy with excitement and enthusiasm; it will help build the momentum and support you need to reach your goal. A joint venture looks promising. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to let someone else's uncertainty slow you down. Don't hesitate to do your best and implement a change that stimulates personal growth or self-improvement. Use your imagination and creativity to outmaneuver anyone competitive. A financial gain or contract looks promising. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are disciplined, innovative and forthright. You are enthusiastic and dependable.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty: ★★★ 11/13

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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5	8	6	7	4	3	9	1	2
9	3	1	2	8	6	7	5	4
4	2	7	1	5	9	8	6	3

Difficulty: ★★ 11/12

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

'I FEEL FINE' (SONG) Solution: 7 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Doctors

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Mitchell scores 36 as Cavs beat Bulls for 12th straight win

CHICAGO (AP)—Donovan Mitchell scored a season-high 36 points, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Chicago Bulls 119-113 on Monday night to become the eighth NBA team to begin a season with 12 straight wins.

Darius Garland scored 17 points for Cleveland, and Evan Mobley had 15 points and 11 rebounds. The Cavaliers scored at least 110 points for the 11th time.

Garland rolled in a layup with 24 seconds left, and Mitchell made two free throws to help close it out.

Zach LaVine scored 26 points for Chicago, which lost for the fifth time in six games. Coby White and Nicola Vucevic each had 20 points.

The Bulls opened a nine-point lead with 4:26 left in the third quarter before Cleveland bounced back late for a second straight game.

Cavaliers rallied again, just like they did in a 105-100 win over Brooklyn on Saturday They got a big lift from their reserves; Georges Niang, Ty Jerome and Caris LeVert each scored 12 points.

Point guard Lonzo Ball (right wrist sprain) is no longer wearing a brace and is expected to start drills that include dribbling.

Mobley's alley-oop layup put Cleveland up 52-42 with 7:18 left in the second quarter, and it looked as if the Cavs were ready to pull away. But the Bulls bounced back with a 14-2 run to take 56-54 lead.

Chicago committed 20 turnovers, compared to just eight for Cleveland.

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers guard Donovan Mitchell reacts after making a spinning layup during an NBA basketball game against the Chicago Bulls, Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, in Chicago.

ROCKETS 107, WIZARDS 92

HOUSTON (AP)—Alperen Sengun scored 27 points for a second straight game and added 17 rebounds, leading Houston to a win over Washington.

Sengun hit 12 of 19 shots and added three blocks. Jalen Green scored 18 points, Amen Thompson had 13, and Jabari Smith Jr. and Aaron Holiday each added 11.

With Fred VanVleet out due to a hamstring injury that coach Ime Udoka said was a day-to-day issue, rookie Reed Sheppard and Holiday saw increased minutes. Sheppard matched his early career high with seven points.

Washington forward Kyle Kuzma returned from a five-game absence due to a right groin strain and led Washington with 18 points on 7-for-18 shooting in 24 minutes. Jordan Poole had 11 points and eight turnovers.

Houston led 55-40 at halftime and never trailed.

SPURS 116, KINGS 96

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Victor Wembanyama had 34 points and 14 rebounds, Chris Paul added 12 points and 11 rebounds and San Antonio rolled to a victory over Sacramento.

De'Aron Fox had 24 points, Domantas Sabonis finished with 23 points and 12 rebounds and DeMar DeRozan added 21 points for Sacramento.

San Antonio snapped a four-game skid against Sacramento.

Harrison Barnes had 10 points in his first game against Sacramento since being traded to San Antonio in the offseason.

NETS 107, PELICANS 105

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Cam Thomas scored 10 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer for the lead in the final minute, and Brooklyn defeated New Orleans to extend their losing streak to five games.

Cameron Johnson and Noah Clowney each scored 15 points and Dennis Schroder scored 14 for the Nets, who snapped a two-game skid.

Brandon Ingram led New Orleans with 24 points, but scored just 2 points on a pair of free throws in the second half. Rookie center Yves Missi had 17 points and 11 rebounds - both career highs - and Jeremiah Robinson-Earl had 15 points for the Pelicans, who did not score during the final 3:35.

Brandon Boston Jr., who had 10 assists, made a 27-foot 3-pointer and followed that up with a dunk after a steal by Missi to give New Orleans a 105-101 lead.

But the Pelicans missed their final eight shots as the Nets pulled back in front.

THUNDER 134, CLIPPERS 128

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored a career-high 45 points, and Oklahoma City beat Los Angeles in their first game this season without Chet Holmgren.

Holmgren will miss at least eight weeks with a pelvic fracture after a hard fall during Sunday's loss to Golden State. The 7-foot-1 forward/center had been one of the league's most efficient scorers and top shot blockers.

Gilgeous-Alexander picked up the slack by making 13 of 21 field goals and 15 of 16 free throws. He also had nine assists. Jalen Williams scored 28 points and Lu Dort added 19 for Oklahoma City.

With their tallest starter at 6-foot-6, the Thunder ran relentlessly, yet committed just 11 turnovers. They were outrebounded 47-29.

Norman Powell scored 31 points, but he fouled out with the Clippers down four with 1:32 remaining. Ivica Zubac had 22 points and 14 rebounds and Derrick Jones Jr. added 20 points for Los Angeles. James Harden had 17 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists, but he shot 5 of 15 and had five fouls.

Embiid is expected to make season debut for 76ers after injuries, suspension

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Joel Embiid is expected to play this week for the Philadelphia 76ers—barring another setback, and there is always that chance with the 7-footer—after he won Olympic gold, signed a contract extension, slogged through a knee injury, was the root of two NBA investigations, scuffled with a columnist and was hit with a technical foul for waving a towel from the bench.

Oh, and to make the season worse in Philly, the 76ers just aren't a very good team without Embiid.

Actually, they're one of the worst teams in the NBA.

The Sixers can only hope their fortunes will start to turn around Tuesday night when Embiid, a two-time league scoring champion, makes his highly anticipated first start of the season against the New York Knicks when both teams start play in the NBA Cup round-robin. Embiid last played for the Sixers in May when they were eliminated at home in Game 6 by New York in the first round of the playoffs.

A seven-time All-Star, Embiid returns from what the team called left knee management and the end of a three-game suspension for shoving a member of the media with the Sixers languishing at 2-7 and near the bottom of the Eastern Conference.

"We're not where we want to be without the big fellow," first-year Sixers forward Paul George said. "Someone as talented as him. He's the piece. We should still be playing at a high level and competing, trying to win games. No doubt about it, you get somebody like that, it'll make everybody's job a little easier."

George, the expected free-agent signing coup of the summer, has been limited to four games this season because of a knee injury, which stuck him on a minutes restriction that cost him all of overtime in a win eked out Sunday over Charlotte. Tyrese Maxey, an All-Star last season and the league's most improved player, could miss another week to 10 days with a hamstring injury. Backup centers Andre Drummond and Guerschon Yabusele can't come close to matching Embiid's elite production.

"I think we're still trying to figure this stuff out," George said. "I'm still trying to get in shape, get legs back under me. I'll get these legs back under me. I think we show signs of just competing, playing hard. Just leave it on the floor. I think that's been the message. Regardless of what's going on, just leave it on the floor, play hard, maximum effort. That's something we can all bring."

In size and stature, the 76ers have centered around Embiid since his rookie season. Without a game played in his No. 21 uniform, this season has been full of hardship for the 30-year-old franchise anchor. Yes, some of the trouble has been his own doing, some issues have been intentionally murky and some is just simmering frustration brought to a boil over more games on the sideline.

By his own admission, Embiid says he won't play back-to-back games this season, meaning he'll sit out Wednesday against Cleveland. Sixers fans know the routine—tickets for Wednesday on secondary markets such as StubHub are listed as low as $10 in the upper section and for about $30 in the 100 level.

The level of belief in Philly that the 76ers will ever win a championship with Embiid has dipped faster than the ticket prices.

The 2023 NBA MVP, his latest kerfuffle stemmed from his issue with a Philadelphia Inquirer writer who mentioned Embiid's late brother and his son—both named Arthur—in columns questioning Embiid's professionalism and effort after not being in shape after he played in the Paris Olympics.

The NBA fined the Sixers $100,000 last month for public statements, including by president of basketball operations Daryl Morey and Nurse, that were inconsistent with Embiid's health status and in violation of league rules, including the player participation policy.

The 76ers have been open since the preseason on how they intended to use Embiid this season—manage his minutes and games played to the point where they can safely navigate him to the postseason healthy for the first time in his career.

At this dire rate, what do they do next if there are no playoffs?

The upside is that only Cleveland—undefeated headed into Monday's game at Chicago—and Boston have winning records in the Eastern Conference. Get a hot streak rolling with Embiid, and the 76ers are back in the thick of the playoff race.

Only Milwaukee and Toronto, though, have worse records in the East than the 76ers.

Bucks coach Doc Rivers might still be coaching the Sixers had Embiid stayed healthy during his three seasons in Philadelphia and was physically able to lead the Sixers on deep playoff runs.

"Joel didn't do anything wrong," Rivers said on opening night. "It just happens. You do your best. There are guidelines that every team has. We have science behind us. Joel is a big human being. He moves like a guard. There's days in practices he'll make a move and you'll say to yourself, that's not normal for a big guy. His body may say that, too. It's tough because he's such a great player."

Hill makes key TD catch, Dolphins hold off Rams to snap 3-game skid

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Midway through a season of heartbreaking losses, major injuries and maddeningly inconsistent play, the Miami Dolphins mostly put it all together on Monday night.

While their preseason Super Bowl aspirations are still in grave danger of slipping away, the Dolphins' gritty 23-15 victory over the Los Angeles Rams demonstrated to Miami's key players that they still might have a shot to make something out of this very trying year.

Tyreek Hill caught a short touchdown pass from Tua Tagovailoa in the third quarter to end the longest scoring drought of his career, and the Dolphins (3-6) kept Los Angeles out of the end zone while snapping their three-game losing streak with just their second victory in eight games.

"When we're playing our best ball, we can still beat anybody," defensive tackle Calais Campbell said. "We've just got to continue to believe, continue to fight. And obviously the margin for error is zero. So it's one game, but we've got to keep it going. For us to go where we want to go, we've got to keep fighting and believe."

Rookie receiver Malik Washington rushed 18 yards for his first NFL touchdown on the opening possession of a much-needed turnaround night for the beleaguered Dolphins (3-6), who had lost three games by a combined 10 points since their last victory Oct. 6.

Miami's solid defense stepped up impressively at SoFi Stadium, forcing two turnovers and keeping the Rams touchdown-less despite yielding 327 yards.

AP

Miami Dolphins wide receiver Tyreek Hill, left, celebrates his touchdown with wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. during the second half of an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Rams, Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, in Inglewood, Calif.

Tagovailoa passed for only 207 yards, but he made a series of big throws while the Dolphins converted six third downs, most of them at key moments. Tagovailoa was 9 of 12 for 137 yards on third downs alone.

"We've come a long way through however many losses in a row," Tagovailoa said. "The resilience of this team with the external noise, everyone counting us out, hopefully this is an opportunity to not waste. Hopefully we can go on a run with this win and find our rhythm."

Hill had three receptions—including his first TD catch since the season opener—while playing through a wrist injury, and Jason Sanders kicked three field goals.

"This is the kind of game that can spark a run," Campbell said. "But it doesn't mean anything if we don't win the next one. ... The hard part is, how do you continue this? But like we said in the (pregame) meetings, to create a wildfire, all it takes is one spark. So we keep believing, keep fighting and make a run for it."

The Rams' run was stopped in its tracks.

Matthew Stafford passed for 293 yards and rookie Joshua Karty kicked five field goals for the Rams (4-5), whose three-game winning streak ended with a major offensive regression. Los Angeles failed to score a touchdown for only the eighth time in coach Sean McVay's eight seasons, and it couldn't score an offensive touchdown for only the second time in four years when Stafford was in uniform.

"Defensively, I was pleased with the way we played," McVay said. "Ultimately we weren't able to capitalize on offense. There wasn't any semblance of complementary football. ... There have been instances where we haven't been consistent enough. Sloppy? Yeah. We have to be able to play better and be more consistent."

After scoring 76 points in its three straight wins, Los Angeles failed to score a touchdown for the first time since Nov. 5, 2023, at Green Bay while Stafford was injured.

Puka Nacua had nine catches for 98 yards, and Cooper Kupp made seven receptions for 80 yards.

Los Angeles drove to the Miami 4 in the fourth quarter, but McVay settled for a fourth field goal that made it a one-score game with 6:31 to play.

Miami's Odell Beckham Jr. then made a key catch for a first down in the stadium where he badly injured his knee while winning the Super Bowl with the Rams three seasons ago, and the Dolphins drove for Sanders' 50-yard field goal with 2:38 left.

Tagovailoa threw his first interception since Sept. 12 to Christian Rozeboom in the second quarter, and the oft-injured QB then put a fright into his team by going low to tackle the linebacker with his upper body.

"I went up to that dude that intercepted me and asked him, 'Bro, you couldn't just like ran out of bounds or cut back," Tagovailoa said. "That was pretty bad tackling form, though. That was pretty terrible."

Kyren Williams fumbled on Los Angeles' next play, but Rams rookie Jared Verse sacked Tagovailoa and recovered the fumble at the Miami 36 four plays later.

Miami's win saved the state of Florida from what would have been an unprecedented 0-12 weekend by its NFL and college teams at the FBS and FCS levels.

It also meant that the Dolphins, Tampa Bay and Jacksonville didn't combine to go 0-3 for a third consecutive week for what would have been the first time since Florida became a three-team NFL state in 1995.

Injuries

CB Kendall Fuller went into the concussion protocol for the second time this year.

With Rob Havenstein (ankle) sidelined, RT Joe Noteboom (ankle) started in his first appearance since the season opener.

Coach Dan Campbell still amazed at Lions comeback to beat Texans on Sunday night

DETROIT (AP)—Dan Campbell has seen a lot of things as an NFL player and coach.

He had never seen anything like Sunday night, though.

The Lions overcame five interceptions by Jared Goff—one more than he had thrown in the first eight games—and came back to beat the Houston Texans 26-23. They trailed 23-7 at halftime.

"The odds of winning a game with five turnovers are really small," Campbell said. "This was a total team effort in every phase of the game."

Kicker Jake Bates made a 58-yard field goal to tie the game in the fourth quarter and a 52-yarder to win it as time expired.

The Lions became the first team since the Atlanta Falcons in 2012 to win despite throwing five interceptions in a game.

Campbell credited the defense, which forced the Texans to kick three field goals in the first half before shutting them out in the second.

"That's so tough for a defense, because they are out there keeping them out of the end zone and then we throw an interception two plays later and they are back on the field," Campbell said. "That was a huge performance, even before you consider the two takeaways."

Veteran cornerback Carlton Davis intercepted two C.J. Stroud passes in the second half, including one at the 3-yard line.

"I told C.D. on Saturday that he might be our best acquisition this season," Campbell said. "How can you not love a cover corner who can run, hit, shut down the running game and pick off two passes when we needed them?"

What's working

The Lions run defense dominated the Texans all night. Joe Mixon had an 8-yard touchdown run but finished with just 46 yards on 25 carries.

"We knew he was the most dangerous offensive player we needed to stop," Campbell said. "He's such a hard runner and he kept coming after us, but we were able to bottle him up."

What needs help

Goff hadn't thrown an interception in his past five games. No one was expecting him to throw five, but he had three in the first half and two more in the third quarter—turning the ball over two plays after Davis' first interception and three plays after his second.

"I honestly didn't think I was playing bad," Goff said. "I was seeing things well and throwing the ball well. I've been in a lot worse positions and I wasn't going to let a few unfortunate mistakes throw me off my game."

Despite the two third-quarter interceptions, Goff went 8-for-13 for 149 yards and a touchdown in the second half.

Stock up

Bates started the year kicking at Ford Field, but for the UFL's Michigan Panthers. That helped him get the attention of the Lions by kicking a 64-yard field goal that was negated by a timeout, then making it again.

After a season where Campbell didn't trust his kickers in big moments, Bates has become a significant part of Detroit's record-setting start.

Stock down

Jameson Williams had 12 combined receptions and rushing attempts for 228 yards in Detroit's first two games, making everyone think he had finally arrived as the big-play threat the Lions needed so badly. However, he's only gotten 12 combined receptions and rushing attempts in the next seven games for 218 yards, including one catch for minus-4 yards on Oct. 20 in Minnesota, followed by his two-game suspension for violating the league's performance-enhancing substances policy.

He did have three catches for 53 yards against Houston, but the Lions need him to regain his September form.

Injury report

TE Sam LaPorta left Sunday's game with a shoulder injury, but Campbell doesn't think it will be a long-term problem. OT Taylor Decker missed the game with a shoulder injury. Campbell said he is hopeful both could return Sunday against Jacksonville.

Key number

5 — the number of wins the Lions got in a five-game stretch that included road games in Dallas, Minnesota, Green Bay and Houston. Their only home game was a victory over Tennessee.

Up next

Clean up the turnovers and stay focused on the Jaguars (2-8).

Ohtani, Lindor, Marte are finalists for NL MVP

NEW YORK (AP)— Los Angeles Dodgers star Shohei Ohtani is a finalist for his first National League MVP award after winning the AL honor twice, joined among the top three in NL voting by New York Mets shortstop Francisco Lindor and Arizona second baseman Ketel Marte.

New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge is a finalist for his second American League MVP in three seasons, joined by Kansas City shortstop Bobby Witt Jr. and Yankees outfielder Juan Soto.

» Judge, Witt and Soto contend for AL honor

Ohtani was unanimously voted the AL MVP in 2021 and 2023 as a two-way star for the Los Angeles Angels and finished second to Judge in 2022 voting. He didn't pitch in 2024 following elbow surgery and signed a record $700 million, 10-year contract with the Dodgers.

Ohtani would join Frank Robinson for Cincinnati in 1961 and Baltimore in 1966 as the only players to win the MVP award in both leagues.

Pittsburgh's Paul Skenes is a finalist in balloting for the NL Cy Young Award and NL Rookie of the Year. The 22-year-old right-hander becomes the fifth rookie to finish among the top three in Cy Young Award voting, after Mark Fidrych (1976), Fernando Valenzuela (1981), Dwight Gooden (1984) and José Fernández (2013). The only one to win both in the same year was Valenzuela in the National League.

Ohtani hit .310, stole 59 bases and led the NL with 54 homers and 130 RBIs exclusively as a designated hitter, becoming the first player with 50 or more homers and 50 or more stolen bases in a season. He helped the Dodgers to the World Series title, playing the final three games with a torn labrum in his left shoulder.

Ohtani would become the first primary DH to win an MVP award.

The top three finishers in voting for each of the major individual awards presented annually by the Baseball Writers' Association of America were announced Monday night on MLB Network. Winners will be revealed next week.

Balloting is conducted before the postseason.

Ohtani would become the 12th player with three or more MVPs, joining Barry Bonds (seven) and Jimmie Foxx, Joe DiMaggio, Stan Musial, Roy Campanella, Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle, Mike Schmidt, Alex Rodriguez, Albert Pujols and Mike Trout (three each).

Lindor batted .273 with 33 homers, 91 RBIs and 29 steals, while Marte hit .292 with 36 homers and 95 RBIs.

Judge led the major leagues with 58 homers, 144 RBIs and 133 walks while hitting .322. Witt topped the big leagues with a .332 average, hitting 32 homers with 109 RBIs. Soto batted .288 with 41 homers and 109 RBIs.

Atlanta's Chris Sale and Philadelphia's Zack Wheeler are NL Cy Young Award finalists along with Skenes, who made his big league debut May 11 and went 11-3 with a 1.96 ERA in 23 starts, striking out 170 in 133 innings.

Detroit's Tarik Skubal, Kansas City's Seth Lugo and Cleveland closer Emmanuel Clase are the finalists for the AL honor. Clase becomes the first reliever to finish among the top three in voting since San Diego's Trevor Hoffman came in second in 2006 NL balloting.

Padres outfielder Jackson Merrill and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Jackson Chourio joined Skenes as finalists for NL Rookie of the Year. Yankees right-hander Luis Gil and catcher Austin Wells are AL finalists along with Baltimore outfielder Colton Cowser.

Cleveland's Stephen Vogt, Kansas City's Matt Quatraro and Detroit's A.J. Hinch are finalists for AL Manager of the Year. The three NL finalists were all first-year managers with their teams: the Mets' Carlos Mendoza, Milwaukee's Pat Murphy and San Diego's Mike Shildt.

AP
Los Angeles Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani singles against the New York Yankees during the fifth inning in Game 4 of the baseball World Series, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024, in New York.

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bottom of the second despite leaving a runner in scoring position. As a result, they were still scoreless, while the Hilitais pummeled FMS' pitcher with an eight-run second inning and led, 10-0 heading into the third.

The third inning was another explosion of offense by the Hilitais and after the dust settled, seven runs came in for a 17-0 game.

Finally, the Napu Riders pushed a run across home plate in the fourth from Ice Diapolus to get them on board, 1-17. But that was all they could do, while HMS tacked on three in the fourth and two more in the fifth from a homer by Santos for the 22-1 final. Santos collected four runs, three walks, one hit, and one homer, while Guerrero had two hits, two walks, and four runs.

HMS consists of Jesse Santos, Preston Santos, Ezekiel Camacho, Joaquin Delos Santos, Caleb Cabrera, Kevin Schardt, Josh Lizama, Paul Guerrero, Eric Palacios Jr., Franko Ray Tudela, Clyde Ramangmou, and Mijay Hayes.

In the first game of the day, Dandan Middle School Tottots flew past Mount Carmel School Knights, 12-4, and champions of last season's inaugural slow pitch softball league, Tanapag Middle School, blew Chacha Ocean View Middle School Lancherus out of the field with a 25-0 bombing.

Games are played Saturdays and Mondays, with the championship series set for Dec. 12-14.

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With that, he said, "I'm very happy we got to squeeze in one more tournament before going to the Davis Cup in Bahrain. That will be the biggest stage I've had the privilege to play on."

In the men's singles 4.0 division finals, another upset was recorded as No. 2 seed J.R. Jacinto took down No. 1 seed John Casauran in three tough sets, 2-6, 6-3, 10-4.

The men's singles 3.0 division was won by No. 1 seed Daniel Minsu Kang over No. 2 seed Matt Zhu, 6-3, 6-4.

In the men's singles 40 division, No. 2 seed George Poquiz had a tough matchup against unseeded Salvador Garrote but won after three sets, 1-6, 6-3, 10-6.

And in the women's singles 2 division, unseeded Anarin Abad upset No. 2 seed Tina Yeo Kyung Hart, 6-3, 6-4.

Results of the doubles events will be posted in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune*.

Last Nov. 1-3 was the first week of the tourney which featured the youth.

After the last games on Sunday, an awards ceremony was held at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan to award all winners from both weekends.

Sponsors of the event were ASC Trust, Mobil, D&Q Distributors, Quality Distributors, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, National Park Service, AMS, iShop, Century Insurance, CTSI Logistics, TakeCare, and TBC.

The classic had a yearlong hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and made a return in 2021.

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nao, Timmy Licda, Kyara McCale, Brayden Otiwii, Pryce Cadag, Rhyane Umali, Evan Seguritan, and Juan Tenorio, won the boys/girls doubles, boys/girls singles, and mixed doubles events for five points on the day.

They then went up against the Bucks and had another near sweep with four out of five matches won.

They overpowered the Bucks in the girls/boys singles, boys doubles, and mixed doubles for four points, but handed the Bucks' lone point in the girls doubles event.

The final round-robin day of games is on Saturday, Nov. 16. The Top 6 double elimination round is on Nov. 23, with the championship rounds on Nov. 29.

Results of Bracket 1 and 2 will be posted in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune*.

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NBA STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	9	2	.818	–
Brooklyn	5	6	.455	4
New York	4	5	.444	4
Philadelphia	2	7	.222	6
Toronto	2	9	.182	7
Southeast Division				
Orlando	5	6	.455	–
Miami	4	5	.444	–
Charlotte	4	6	.400	½
Atlanta	4	7	.364	1
Washington	2	7	.222	2
Central Division				
Cleveland	12	0	1.000	–
Indiana	5	5	.500	6
Chicago	4	7	.364	7½
Detroit	4	7	.364	7½
Milwaukee	2	8	.200	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	7	4	.636	–
Memphis	7	4	.636	–
Dallas	5	5	.500	1½
San Antonio	5	6	.455	2
New Orleans	3	8	.273	4
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	9	2	.818	–
Denver	7	3	.700	1½
Minnesota	6	4	.600	2½
Portland	3	8	.273	6
Utah	2	7	.222	6
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	8	2	.800	–
Golden State	8	2	.800	–
L.A. Lakers	6	4	.600	2
L.A. Clippers	6	5	.545	2½
Sacramento	6	5	.545	2½

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NFL STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Buffalo	8	2	0	.800	290	193
Miami	3	6	0	.333	147	202
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	.300	177	214
New England	3	7	0	.300	160	220
South						
Houston	6	4	0	.600	224	226
Indianapolis	4	6	0	.400	208	223
Tennessee	2	7	0	.222	157	240
Jacksonville	2	8	0	.200	202	264
North						
Pittsburgh	7	2	0	.778	215	146
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	318	253
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	270	262
Cleveland	2	7	0	.222	148	213
West						
Kansas City	9	0	0	1.000	219	161
L.A. Chargers	6	3	0	.667	186	118
Denver	5	5	0	.500	197	177
Las Vegas	2	7	0	.222	168	251
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Philadelphia	7	2	0	.778	233	161
Washington	7	3	0	.700	290	217
Dallas	3	6	0	.333	177	259
N.Y. Giants	2	8	0	.200	156	222
South						
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	238	236
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	279	266
Carolina	3	7	0	.300	167	310
New Orleans	3	7	0	.300	227	246
North						
Detroit	8	1	0	.889	284	171
Minnesota	7	2	0	.778	221	157
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	230	194
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	175	167
West						
Arizona	6	4	0	.600	238	220
San Francisco	5	4	0	.556	233	202
L.A. Rams	4	5	0	.444	185	217
Seattle	4	5	0	.444	210	221

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Ramsey takes men's open championship

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In the culmination of the two-weekend 14th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic 2024 last Sunday, NMI National Tennis Team player Colin Ramsey won the men's open singles championship at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan tennis courts.

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Women's singles 2 division champion, Anarin Abad, right, poses with runner-up Tina Yeo Kyung Hart during the awards ceremony of the 14th TanHoldings Tennis Classic 2024 last Sunday at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

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Colin Ramsey draws up a serve during his finals match in this file from the 2024 SIS Student Council Tennis Tournament the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Ramsey, who was the No. 2 seed, upset veteran player and No. 1 seed Tomas Abel in two sets, 6-1, 6-1, in their finals matchup.

The 25-year-old Ramsey flew through Week 2 of the tourney that began last Friday with a win over junior netter Ryan Choi, 6-0, 6-0. He then disposed of No. 3 seed David Minsoo Kwon, 6-4, 6-0, last Saturday to punch his ticket into the finals.

Ramsey said of his win, "I felt really solid this tournament. I'm feeling great physically and mentally and it led to a successful tournament for me." When asked if he's played against Abel before, he said, "Tomas and I play a few times a week and the matches are usually much closer. I just started strong that day and didn't let up. Although we battled rain throughout the weekend, the conditions on Sunday couldn't have been better."

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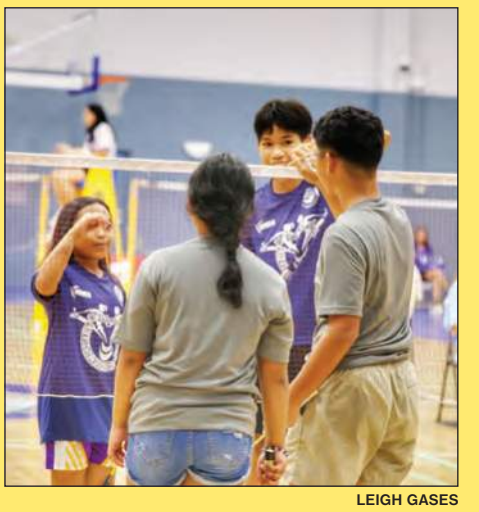
Men's singles open champion, Colin Ramsey, right, poses with runner-up Tomas Abel during the awards ceremony of the 14th TanHoldings Tennis Classic 2024 last Sunday at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

Tatagas swim to top of Bracket 3 of co-ed tourney



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Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. High School players, foreground, congratulate Tanapag Middle School players after the end of their match in the 2024-2025 PSS-NMBA Interscholastic Co-ed Middle School Badminton League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Shuttlers of Tanapag Middle School Tatagas swam to the top of Bracket 3 in the 2024-2025 PSS-NMBA Interscholastic Co-ed Middle School Badminton League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

After three days of round-robin matches, the Tatagas shuttled their way to first place in the standings with a total of 14 points. With that, they knocked down Grace Christian Academy—who were first place after opening day, to second place with 9 points. Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. High School Bucks is in third place with 8; Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Napu Riders has 6; and Dandan Middle School Tottots are last with 3.

This time, the Tatagas took on the Tottots and swept all five events.

The Tatagas, which is made up of Kyria Ngiraked, Rhian Pascua, Rhiana Macali-

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Tanapag Middle School's Evan Seguritan reaches up for a return during their mixed doubles event in the 2024-2025 PSS-NMBA Interscholastic Co-ed Middle School Badminton League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Hopwood Middle School players, along with coaches Eric Palacios, far left, and Henry Iguel, far right, pose for a group photo during their first day of games in the PSS-NMI Softball Association Interscholastic Boys High School Fast Pitch Softball League 2024-2025 last Saturday at the Dandan Middle School softball field.

HMS wallops FMS, 22-1, in 2024 fast pitch opener

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Hopwood Middle School Hilitais walloped southside neighbor Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Napu Riders, 22-1, in the opening day of games of the PSS-NMI Softball Association Interscholastic Boys High School Fast Pitch Softball League 2024-2025 last Saturday at the Dandan Middle School softball field.

The Hilitais, who were last season's inaugural slow pitch softball runner-up, started this fastpitch season strong. The first inning saw HMS cross home plate twice from runs by Jesse Santos and Paul Guerrero for a 2-0 lead.

The Napu Riders, on the other hand, struggled at the plate and fell out of the first inning with two strikeouts in a row. They also failed to produce at the

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